The Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship Program
Promoting Diversity and Excellence in Union Leadership and Labor Studies

For students seeking an M.A. in Labor Studies or a B.A. in Urban and Community Studies with a concentration in Labor

Mission and Goals
Over the past 50 years, demographics of the U.S. labor force have changed significantly, with dramatic increases in the number of women and people of color. The racial and gender composition of national union leadership, however, does not adequately reflect these changing demographics. The field of Labor Studies reflects a similar imbalance in representation.

The Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship Program for Excellence and Diversity in Labor is dedicated to the purpose of fostering new and diverse leadership in the labor movement and in the academic discipline of Labor Studies. In supporting students committed to diversity and excellence, the scholarship program seeks to make a significant contribution toward redressing existing imbalances in these fields.

Scholarship Awards
Awardees will receive:

- Up to $30,000 for graduate study (up to $15,000 for each of two years)
- Up to $20,000 for undergraduate study (up to $10,000 for each of two years)

Preference is given to full-time enrollment. However, during any term in which a student must enroll for part-time study, scholarship funding would be distributed on a pro-rated scale. Awards are offered in the fall semester of each academic year and are renewable, contingent on maintenance of good academic standing.

Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship
Scholarship awards will be based on a national competition and are intended for individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to – or potential for – work that will increase the participation of women and people of color in the fields of labor and/or labor studies.
Eligibility Requirements

Undergraduate Applicants
Those applying for the undergraduate scholarship may be either first-time students or continuing students, already enrolled in the Murphy Institute B.A. program in Urban and Community Studies, with a concentration in Labor. To receive an award, students must be accepted into one of the aforementioned programs.

- Must have completed a minimum of 60 college credits
- Must have a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Demonstrated potential for leadership in social justice movements and/or capacity for academic scholarship in the field of Labor Studies
- Strong recommendations from academics and/or practitioners in areas of social justice, labor, or labor education
- A compelling statement of purpose
- Good written and oral communication skills

Graduate Applicants
Those applying for the graduate scholarship must be first-time, entering students in the Murphy Institute’s M.A. in Labor Studies degree program.

- Must have a minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) from prior undergraduate work.
- Demonstrated potential for leadership in social justice movements and/or capacity for academic scholarship in the field of Labor Studies
- Strong recommendations from academics and/or practitioners in areas of social justice, labor, or labor education
- A compelling statement of purpose
- Good written and oral communication skills

Deadline: The deadline for all scholarship applications is April 30, 2015.

Application Requirements & Submission Process
Complete an online Graduate or Undergraduate application for admission to an M.A. or B.A. degree program (before the April 30, 2015 scholarship application deadline). All applicants must also complete and submit the two-page scholarship application found below.

In addition to a completed application, all scholarship applicants are required to submit:
- A typed, single-spaced, 500-1000 word personal statement, describing:
  - Your interest and/or experience in labor or other social justice movements and/or the field of Labor Studies
  - Your goals and aspirations
  - Your particular interest in studying at the Murphy Institute
  - Why you are a good candidate for the Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship for Diversity in Labor
- Two letters of recommendation from academics and/or practitioners in social justice movements, unions, or labor education in which they discuss 1) why they believe you are an excellent candidate for the Murphy Institute Scholarship; 2) what social justice or labor activities you have undertaken; and 3) your potential for leadership in these areas or in the academic field of Labor Studies
- Applicants must be available for a Skype or in-person interview.
APPLICATION
2015 - 2016 Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship for Diversity in Labor

Deadline: Monday, April 30, 2015
Submissions accepted by email only to: scholarships@sps.cuny.edu

First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________

Date of Birth: _________________________ Gender: _____________________________

Current Address: _____________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: __________ ZIP Code: ______________

Cell/ Daytime Phone: ___________________________ Email: _________________________

Degree for which you are applying or enrolled (Check One): BA ___ MA ___

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

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COLLEGE, COMMUNITY, UNION ACTIVITIES:


HONORS and AWARDS


119 W. 31st Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10001
T: 212.652.CUNY  ■  F: 646.664.8729
sps.cuny.edu
CAREER OBJECTIVES:

DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF (optional, check all that apply):

☐ Alaskan Native  ☐ Native American
☐ Asian  ☐ White
☐ Black  ☐ Other (please specify):
☐ Latino/a

INDIVIDUALS YOU HAVE ASKED TO SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Name ___________________________________________ relationship ________ phone ________ email ________________

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Application Submission Process (deadline: April 30, 2015)

- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed.
- Scholarship application, Letters of Recommendation and Personal Essay must be submitted by email to: scholarships@sps.cuny.edu.
- For further information about this scholarship program and/or for assistance in the application process, please contact the Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship Coordinator, Janet Leslie. She can be reached at 212-642-2083 or via email at janet.leslie@mail.cuny.edu.

By electronically submitting this application you are giving the scholarship committee permission to review and make decisions based on your credentials (including transcripts and other information on file with the CUNY SPS Office of Admissions and CUNY SPS Office of Financial Aid).

By electronically submitting this application you are certifying that the answers and statements contained within are true to the best of your knowledge.