

CASH PRIZES!

2017-18 ESSAY CONTEST ON LABOR HISTORY

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2017-2018 School Year for Wisconsin high school students (Grades 9-12). Win cash prizes up to \$500. Write essays of about 750 words on the topic:

**“Unions have been important to my family
and my community because . . .”**

Students are urged to interview family members, neighbors, friends or others for their stories about work and unions. Teachers are urged to assist students in their efforts.

Eight students could win cash prizes:

First place, \$500; second place \$300; third place: \$200;
honorable mention (up to five) \$100.

WHAT TO WRITE ABOUT . . .

Here's what winners in recent contests chose to write about . . .

- ◇ A Shorewood HS freshman told how his father's labor union helped his family with an immigration problem.
- ◇ A Monona Grove HS senior wrote that her grandfather's union work taught his family the value of supporting others.
- ◇ A Milwaukee Rufus King HS senior learned that Latinos gained great support for their work in the United States through unions.
- ◇ A Madison West HS junior found links between the 1894 Pullman Car Strike and those who marched against Wisconsin's Act 10.

All Wisconsin high school students have ready access to labor history. Check with parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts. Also, neighbors and family friends. Ask to interview them and then write your essay. Only 750 words. Also you may do independent research on topics of labor history. Check the Wisconsin Labor History website (www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org) for resources and other ideas.

EASY TO ENTER

Essays should be approximately 750 words in length. They will be judged on understanding, evidence of original research, writing style and significance. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, on white paper. Two copies must be submitted (One may be a photocopy.) Please be sure to provide the following information on the cover sheet: Your name, address, home telephone number, your email address, your grade in school, name and address of your school, and, if you were encouraged or assisted by a teacher, the teacher's name. (Also, list your family's union membership, if applicable.) If you have any questions, contact:

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Submissions must be postmarked **Feb. 15, 2018** or before. Send completed essays to:

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