



Hudson County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

“The Voice of Hudson County’s Working Families”

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April 1, 2026

Re: **21st Annual Edward Pulver / Donna Benjamin Memorial Scholarship Announcement**

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Kin of the Council,

We are proud to announce the launch of the 21st year of the Edward Pulver / Donna Benjamin Memorial Scholarship application process. Enclosed is a hard copy of the application, including all eligibility requirements and rules for consideration. Applicants may also access the application online through three convenient methods: our website, QR code, or a direct link.

This year, the Hudson County Central Labor Council will award **14 scholarships totaling \$10,000**. All completed applications must be submitted by **July 1**. We are also pleased to expand eligibility this year to include individuals enrolled in a **registered apprenticeship program** within the scope of work of a union affiliated with the Hudson County Central Labor Council.

Additionally, enclosed you will find an order form for our annual Scholarship Breakfast, which will be held at:

The Chandelier Restaurant
1081 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ
Sunday, November 1, 2026
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Over the past twenty years, the Hudson County Central Labor Council has proudly awarded **240 scholarships** and raised **over \$300,000**, thanks to the continued generosity of our affiliates and elected officials.

We invite you to support this meaningful cause by **attending the breakfast, placing an ad in our journal, or donating**. Your support helps invest in the education and future of our community’s children.

Thank you for your continued commitment. We look forward to seeing you on November 1 as we come together to support the next generation.

In Solidarity,

The Scholarship Committee
Greg Hancox, Chairman

21st Annual Edward Pulver / Donna Benjamin Memorial Scholarship Announcement
“Labor Breakfast”

Hudson County Central Labor Council
Scholarship Committee
154 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071

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2026 Ed Pulver and Donna Benjamin (Scholarship Application)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____
Email: _____ Telephone Number: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High School Attended/Attending: _____

Name of College / Nursing School / Technical School / Registered Apprenticeship Program
(Include year of course/program if known)

Degree, Career, or Trade Pursuing: _____

UNION AFFILIATION INFORMATION

Name of Family Union Member: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Union Member's Name and Local: _____

Union Member Contact Information:

- Email: _____
- Telephone: _____

Name of Local Union Representative: _____

Union Representative Contact Information:

- Email: _____
- Telephone: _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

Applicant (Print Name): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

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- 1- To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant's Parent or legal Guardian must be a member of a local union affiliated with the Hudson County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, or his/her spouse and/or children and or registered apprenticeship program that falls within the scope of work of a union affiliated with the Hudson County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.
- 2- Each application must be accompanied by a transcript from your most recent institution of learning.
- 3- Each applicant must be accompanied by a short essay of 500 words or fewer outlining their career goals, aspirations, and work experience. Describe your connection with the union and the labor movement. Explain why you are a good choice for a union scholarship.
- 4- The scholarship shall be applicable solely for an accredited college or accredited post-high school educational program, an approved and registered apprenticeship program that falls within the scope of work of a union affiliated with the Hudson County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.
- 5- The recipient of the scholarship must be enrolled at an accredited college or accredited post-high school program and/or registered apprenticeship program that falls within the scope of work of a union affiliated with the Hudson County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.
- 6- Scholarships are granted for a duration of one (1) academic year. To promote equitable access across all affiliated unions and their dependents, recipients are not ineligible to receive the scholarship in consecutive years.
- 7- The scholarship will be available to both full and part-time students.
- 8- The Scholarship Selection Committee shall recommend recipients for the award based on merit, which will be determined by scholastic ability or its equivalent. Consideration of financial need will be entered only under extraordinary circumstances.
- 9- All applications must be sent by US Mail to 154 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071. All applications/information should be received not later than July 1, 2026
- 10- Fourteen (14) scholarships will be awarded:
 - **Three (3) Edward B. Pulver Scholarship \$1,000.00 each**
 - **Three (3) Donna Benjamin Scholarship \$1,000.00 each**
 - **Eight (8) Tradre scholarships of \$500.00 each**

For all inquiries, contact us at HUDSONCOUNTVCLC@gmail.com or telephone: 201-757-6846

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Hancox, Chair
Lee Barile, Selection Chair

Scholarship Committee
Moitrayee Chatterjee
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