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*Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of  
Each Month - 7:00 P.M.*

*Greater Wilkes-Barre  
Labor Council*

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: ALL AFFILIATED UNIONS OF THE GREATER WILKES-BARRE LABOR COUNCIL  
FROM: JOE PADAVAN, PRESIDENT  
DATE: March 8, 2021  
RE: 2021 SAM BIANCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

On behalf of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce the creation of the Sam Bianco Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is named after the late Sam Bianco who served as District Manager of the Pittston and Wyoming Valley International Ladies Garment Workers Union and as President of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council for over 30 years. He is known as a local union icon who tirelessly championed the causes of working men and women on a local, state and national level.

The labor council is proud to announce this scholarship, designed to financially help young deserving dependent children of union members, whose union is in good standing and affiliated with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council.

Three scholarships will be awarded this year (one towards a future four-year accredited college attendee, one towards a future community college attendee and one towards a future technical or vocational post-secondary school attendee.) Rules, eligibility and procedures regarding applying for the scholarship are enclosed, which you are free to duplicate. Since this is the first time our labor council is awarding the scholarships, I hope you can help publicize and promote its availability among your membership.

If you require further information regarding the Sam Bianco Memorial Scholarship, please feel free to contact me by telephoning 570-498-9816, 570-829-6924 or emailing pads1700@aol.com

**SAM BIANCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
**Sponsored by Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council**  
**In Memory of Sam Bianco**

Three scholarships will be awarded each year. One for \$1,500 to an applicant who will attend an accredited four-year college; one for \$750 to an applicant who will attend a community college; and one for \$750 to an applicant who will attend a technical or vocational post-secondary school. The competition is open to all dependent children of any union member, whose union is affiliated with and in good standing with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council. For each scholarship winner, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council will deposit their scholarship amount directly to the school/institution the award recipient will be attending.

**RULES & PROCEDURES**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Applicant must currently be a high school senior, who is a legal dependent (child, stepchild, or grandchild) of a union member, whose union is affiliated with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council. Those having attained a certified G.E.D. will also be eligible.
2. Applicant must be planning to enter a four-year accredited college, community college, technical or vocational post-secondary school for the first time. Those who are currently attending or who have already attended college, technical or vocational school are Not Eligible.
3. Those applying to an accredited four year or community college, must take at least 12 credits and be considered a full-time student.
4. Those applicants who are fully funded for tuition, fees and books from other sources are Not Eligible.
5. Applicants must complete and return an Official Application Form to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council, by the deadline date of June 15<sup>th</sup>, specified on the application.
6. Applicants are required to type, or hand write an essay of no less than 500 words and no more than 750 words in English on the subject/topic specified on the enclosed Essay Form. Essay must accompany the applicant's Official Application Form and adhere to the deadline date of June 15<sup>th</sup> for submission.
7. Applications can be obtained by contacting the union affiliated with the applicant's parent/legal guardian; the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council's office at 315-317 N. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18705 (Telephone #'s 570-498-9816 or 570-829-6924); or downloading an application on the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council's Facebook Page.

**ESSAY FOR  
SAM BIANCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. ON SEPARATE PAPER, PLEASE TYPE OR LEGIBLY WRITE IN ENGLISH AN ESSAY OF AT LEAST 500 WORDS, BUT NOT EXCEEDING 750 WORDS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:  
  
**“BRIEF HISTORY OF UNIONS (LABOR MOVEMENT) IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA”**
2. REFERENCE AT THE END OF ESSAY ALL RESOURCE MATERIALS YOU USED/RESEARCHED, IN COMPOSING YOUR ESSAY. THIS CAN INCLUDE WRITTEN DOCUMENTS OR INDIVIDUALS YOU SPOKE TO
3. PLEASE SIGN AND DATE YOUR ESSAY AT THE VERY END
4. YOUR ESSAY WILL BE EVALUATED ON YOUR PERSONAL OR RESEARCHED KNOWLEDGE YOU ACQUIRED ON THE TOPIC.
5. YOUR GRAMMAR, STYLE, ORGANIZATION, REASONING AND PRESENTATION WILL ALSO BE EVALUATED.
6. YOUR ESSAY MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR OFFICIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE DEADLINE LATE SPECIFIED.
7. ALL DEADLINES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. ANY APPLICATION WHICH IS INCOMPLETE OR NOT POSTMARKED ON TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

# SAM BIANCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Return completed application postmarked no later than June 15th to:  
Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council  
Attn: Sam Bianco Scholarship  
315-317 N. Washington St.  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18705

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State & Zip Code)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Union of Legal Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of applicant to union member: \_\_\_ child \_\_\_ stepchild \_\_\_ grandchild \_\_\_ other  
(if other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college, technical or vocational school/institution you plan to attend:  
1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted yet: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted yet: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Current Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

School clubs, organizations to which you belong: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Any special honors, awards received: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Any organizations, groups, causes to which you actively volunteer for now or in the past  
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Any other comments you wish to make about yourself or background: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR COMPLETED ESSAY ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct.

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(Applicant's signature)

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(Date)