Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship for Diversity in Labor (CUNY-SLU)

Promoting Diversity and Excellence in Union Leadership and Labor Studies

About

Over the past 50 years, the 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, continues to trail behind the demographics of our workforce. The academic field of Labor Studies reflects a similar imbalance in the ratio of students to faculty and administrators, where women and people of color are considerably underrepresented. The Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship for Diversity in Labor is dedicated to the purpose of fostering diverse and representative leadership in the labor movement and in the academic discipline of Labor Studies.

Each year since 2013, the City University of New York has supported the Joseph S. Murphy Scholarship for Diversity in Labor by providing an annual challenge-grant. The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies raises matching funds annually with donations from generous individuals and organizations representing various sectors and professions, including labor unions, academia, non-profit organizations, and businesses. The scholarship was designed to create pipelines that will bring women and people of color to the forefront of the labor movement and labor education. Each year the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies will award up to $150,000 in scholarships to qualified applicants, both at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Award Amount

- Up to 20k in tuition, fees, and other college costs for undergraduate students
- Up to 30k in tuition, fees, and other college costs for graduate students
- Pays qualified tuition, fees, and other educational expenses

Requirements

- Early Admission to the B.A. in Labor Studies or B.A. Urban and Community Studies conc. Labor for the FALL semester
- No less than 60 college credits accrued from an accredited institution
- Minimum 2.5 GPA from prior undergraduate work
  —OR—

- Early Admission to the M.A. in Labor Studies for the FALL semester
- Minimum 3.0 GPA from prior undergraduate work
  —AND—

- United States Citizen
- Essays to demonstrate potential for leadership in social justice movements and/or the capacity for academic scholarship in the field of Labor Studies
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from academics and/or practitioners in social justice movements, unions, or labor education
- One (1) writing sample
- Virtual or in-person interview (if requested)

Application: Diversity Scholarship Application
Applicant Code: 119

Renewable Requirements

- 2.5 GPA for undergraduates
- 3.0 GPA for graduate