



CEU announces 2010 annual bursary competition

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The Compensation Employees' Union (CEU) has a bursary fund totaling \$3,000. Individual bursary award amounts will vary depending on the quality of the submissions. Bursaries will be awarded to close relatives of any member; as long as the CEU member is a member in good standing.

For the purpose of this competition, a close relative is a mother, father, spouse, common-law spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent or equivalent in-law, any other person who has acted in loco parentis or any other relative living under the same roof.

Reference: Article 44, Serious Family Illness, of the CEU Collective Agreement.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must meet the entrance requirements for their first year of studies at a post secondary educational institution. Only students entering their first year of post secondary education are eligible. The CEU's definition of first year post secondary education does not include programs that provide equivalency to high school diplomas and pre-apprenticeship programs (also known as Early Entry Trades Training). However, students who have formally registered in an apprenticeship program are eligible to apply.

What do applicants have to do to apply?

The Communications Committee will judge applicants on the quality of their submissions for the assignments outlined in Parts I and II below.

Part I – Activist essay

Interview a current or former union activist in a union or labour organization.

- The union activist you interview could be (or have been) a shop steward, elected officer of a union, elected officer of a labour council, elected officer of a labour federation, or an employee of a trade union or labour organization in the role of business agent, staff representative, union organizer, communications officer, etc. ***It cannot be someone from the CEU.***
- You could interview a union activist in an industry that you plan to work in. (This is not required. You may interview a union activist from any industry or type of work.)
- You may conduct the interview in person or by telephone.
- Verbatim transcripts of the interview will not be accepted.

You must analyze, summarize, and discuss the information you gathered in the interview in a 500 to 750 word essay on:

- How and why that person became a trade union activist
- How long the person has been (or was) an activist
- What activities that person engages (or engaged) in as a trade union activist

- Your views on trade union activism
- What you learned about trade unions and trade union activists as a result of conducting the interview

Part II – Making unions relevant to young workers

In a 1000 to 1200 word essay, discuss this statement:

How can unions become more relevant to young workers?

Your essay must address the following points:

- Describe your views on how the union movement can become more relevant to young workers.
- Identify at least one example of an issue that is important to young workers and discuss what unions can do to promote it.
- How might union advocacy for this issue influence young workers to support unions?
- What steps do you think unions need to take to broaden and strengthen young worker support?
- Identify issues that are important to older workers and why those issues are or are not important to younger workers.

You could also ask the activist you interview for Part I about his or her views on this topic and include them in your Part II essay.

What does the completed application consist of?

To be complete, your bursary application must include:

Part I – Activist essay

- Title page with the name of the person you interviewed.
- The essay on your interview.
- The contact information for the person you interviewed.
- A list of any other references you consulted or people you spoke to in preparing your essay.
- Information on whether the activist gives his or her permission to post your essay on the CEU web site. The CEU often posts the winning submissions (or excerpts from the submissions) on its web site. If the activist gives permission for the essay to be posted on the CEU web site, you must submit a note signed by the activist stating this. If the activist does not give permission to post your essay on the CEU web site, please state this on the title page of your essay.

Part II – Essay: How can unions become more relevant to young workers?

- Title page
- The essay
- A list of all the media you read, listened to, or viewed in researching your essay
- A list of other references you consulted or people you spoke to in preparing your essay

Remember, you must complete both Parts I and II of this assignment.

Other requirements

You must also include the following with your application:

- A completed application form (included with this announcement)
- A transcript of your most recent marks
- A list of your estimated expenses for your first year of post secondary education

Criteria for judging submissions

Both essays must:

- Be organized and coherent
- Have a point of view
- Discuss specified points
- Demonstrate proficiency in grammar, punctuation, and spelling

Incomplete submissions are subject to a penalty (i.e., loss of points).

Individual bursary award amounts will vary depending on the quality of the submissions. All submissions become the property of the CEU.

Additional application forms may be obtained by contacting the CEU office or a shop steward. Completed application forms and submissions must be returned no later than **May 17, 2010** to:

Communications Committee
c/o the Compensation Employees' Union
200-8120 Granville Avenue
Richmond, BC V6Y 1P3

Applications and essays may also be sent through the WCB interdepartmental mail by the applicant's relative.

Faxed or e-mailed submissions will not be accepted.

Bursaries will be issued to the successful applicants after they have commenced enrollment and have been issued a student number at a recognized university, college, or vocational institute.



APPLICATION FOR 2010 BURSARY
Deadline: May 17th, 2010

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Name of Related CEU Member: _____

Relationship: _____

Their Position: _____ Location: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

School Address: _____

Which institue will you be attending? _____

What degree/diploma do you plan to work towards? _____

What other bursaries or scholarships have you been granted? _____

Estimated total expenses (attach breakdown) \$ _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

