



SEIU Local 1000: African-American Committee LEORA HILL SCHOLARSHIP



Leora Hill

Leora Hill was born on August 7, 1951, in Lorain, Ohio, to Raymond Edward Fowler Sr. and Priscilla Jane Douthit. Leora was the fourth of six children. Leora received her childhood education in Lorain, Ohio. After high school, she had two children -- Toni Fowler and Troy Fowler.

Leora began her working career at the Ford Motor plant and loved her job but moved to California in 1981 to make a better life for herself and her daughter. In 1982, she met the man with whom she would spend her remaining days -- her best friend, Wayne Hill. They married on March 29, 1985.

Leora spent 23 years as a California state employee with the Board of Equalization. She was a dedicated public servant and trade unionist with SEIU Local 1000. She served as chair of the Committee on Political Education (COPE) for Southern California. While she earned many accolades for her union contributions, her biggest accomplishment was being honored to serve as President of Local 1000's District Labor Council (DLC) 723. Serving as DLC President was one of her proudest achievements. She was a great leader for state employees of Los Angeles County, and she worked hard to hold elected officials accountable for quality public services.

The African-American Committee for SEIU Local 1000 is proud to honor such a dedicated activist by holding this essay contest as a tribute to her memory and to her commitment to Labor.

Eligibility Requirements

1. All full dues paying members of SEIU Local 1000 and their children or immediate dependents are eligible for the scholarships.
2. All entries must be received by the close of business on August 11, 2017. Applications may be mailed to SEIU Local 1000, 1801 Excise Ave, #101, Ontario, CA 91761. Attention African-American Committee. Applications may be walked-in to any SEIU Local 1000 field office. Applications may also be emailed to AACmte@seiu1000.org. No faxes will be accepted.
3. The 2017 awards will be announced to the winners by October 1, 2017 and acknowledged at the final African American Committee meeting of the year.
4. Proof of enrollment in a learning institution is required at the time of the application and essay submission.

Writing Guidelines

Theme:

1. The theme of the contest is **"Right to Work's Impact on the African American Community."** By limiting unions' resources and weakening the ability of workers to have a say about their jobs, these laws drive down everyone's wages, benefits, and overall living standards. Compare and contrast how the African American community has thrived because of unions, and how it would be impacted by the Right to Work movement.
2. Essays must be the original work of the student. If the essay is found to be plagiarized, it will be disqualified.

Submission guidelines: Entries will be accepted and judged as follows:

1. Middle School: 500 to 1000 words (Citations and bibliography are not included in the word count.)
2. High School: 1000 to 1200 words (Citations and bibliography are not included in the word count.)
3. College: 1000 to 1200 words (Citations and bibliography are not included in the word count, Essays must have a minimum of five sources & essays must include a bibliography.)

Judging

The essays are subject to a blind judging process, and the identity of the writers will not be revealed until after the judging of all essays has been completed. Votes will be tabulated, and the winners will be announced on the African- American Committee page of SEIU Local 1000's website.

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| 1 - \$500 College | 1 - \$1000 College |