

# 2022 AFT 1521 Scholarships



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**APPLY NOW! Deadline April 21, 2022**

<b>Personal Information</b>		
Last Name	First Name	Today's Date
Street Address		City
State	Zip Code	
Email:	Phone:	
Indicate which campus scholarship you are applying for (select one):		

<b>Application Process</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete Application</li><li>2. Include unofficial transcript showing a minimum GPA of 3.0</li><li>3. Submit Essay of no more than 500 words (typed, double spaced) using one of the following prompts:</li></ol>
<b>Prompt 1:</b>
In June 2017, the LA Community College District released a report revealing that more than 60% of our students experienced food insecurity and 18% were either homeless or had temporary living situations (such as staying with relatives or friends, in a shelter, or couch-surfing), making them at risk for academic failure. Your college campus may already be addressing these problems. In your essay, discuss what, if anything, your college is doing to deal with these issues for students—and what it additionally could do to alleviate these conditions. You might want to interview other students, faculty, and administrators for ideas and information.
<b>Prompt 2:</b>
The 2020 federal election drew the highest voter turnout in more than 100 years. However, while states like California and Illinois have passed laws that expand access to the vote, at least 19 states have passed laws that restrict access to voting with more than 440 restrictive voting laws being introduced across 49 states.  Restrictive voting laws have a disproportionate impact on the political power of communities of color, women and the poor denying them the power to elect candidates with shared values that translate into public policy priorities <sup>1</sup> . This

<sup>1</sup> American Center for Progress. (2019, August 7). *Systemic Inequality and American Democracy*. Retrieved from American Center for Progress: <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/systemic-inequality-american-democracy/>

disenfranchisement is compounded for women of color when a "single-axis framework<sup>2</sup>" is used to analyze existing gaps in access to the vote that privilege either race or gender when determining approaches to closing the voter access gap.

In addition to restrictive voting laws, discuss other barriers to voting that exist. What strategies have worked effectively to improve access to the vote and what efforts should labor organizations implement to increase access to the vote, especially for disenfranchised (define as "denied the right to vote") communities

**Prompt #3:**

Interview one or more persons who are members of a labor union about their views on how their union has helped them. Then, apply what you have learned to your own life and plans for your future.

**Minimum Qualifications**

1. At least 12 units be taken at a Los Angeles Community College
2. A minimum GPA of 3.0 for courses taken at the Los Angeles Community College District
3. Currently attending a college in the Los Angeles Community College District as a student carrying at least 9 units per semester.

Please contact your campus scholarship ambassador \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ for additional information.

**For additional information please contact Robert Salazar at [rsalazar@aft1521.org](mailto:rsalazar@aft1521.org) or 323-851-1521**

**Date Received:**

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