

Doherty & Donelon Scholarships awarded

Six children of NALC members to receive funding for college

Six children of NALC members have been awarded NALC memorial scholarships for excellence in both school work and community involvement.

One student from each of five geographic regions will receive \$4,000 for a year from the William C. Doherty Scholarship Fund. The award, renewable for three additional years, was created in 1962 in honor of NALC's president from 1941 to 1962. The five students are:

EASTERN: Lacie R. Porch
Grandparent: Rose Burke
South Jersey, NJ Branch 908

Quote: "My mother is one of the most influential persons in my life because she has shown me what it's like to lose everything that is important to you and still try to do better. My grandmother has shown me what it's like to try hard for what you want in life, even if the odds are stacked up against you."

SOUTHERN: Elijah N. Murphy
Parent: Joseph K. Murphy
Dallas, TX Branch 132

Quote: "Having grown up during the Great Depression, my grandparents were accustomed to saving up their money and using resources wisely.... At one point, my grandfather started a church, and participating in my grandfather's work has shaped me into a person who understands the value of working to meet others' needs rather than focusing solely on my own. Also, my grandmother has shown me the value of taking pride in your work and doing a job in order to help others, whether or not anyone sees it and acknowledges

it. Ultimately, while I am extremely interested in accounting and finance, my grandparents taught me that the greatest investment anyone can make is in people and relationships, leading to high interest with a great return."

CENTRAL: Miranda C. Manzo
Parent: Antonio F. Manzo
South Macomb, MI Branch 4374

Quote: "Three out of four of my grandparents emigrated from Italy without jobs, a home or a knowledge of the English language. All of them worked hard their whole lives here in the United States. They found jobs, worked very hard to build a life in the U.S., and became American citizens. They have taught me that hard work and perseverance pays off. You can only get out the effort that you put in. Both of my grandfathers worked for Ford Motor Company for 40-plus years and they were both union members. My grandparents taught my parents their hard work ethic."

WESTERN: Beau A. Reitz
Parent: Laura Reitz
Salem, OR Branch 347

Quote: "Twenty years from now, I hope to have a bachelor's degree in political science and a Juris Doctor degree in order to become an attorney. Being a lawyer that represents a union is something that encompasses both my passion for government and law. My mother's membership in NALC has benefitted her career as a letter carrier, which has extended its reaches to my family as well. In a sense, I would like to repay the services that the union has provided my family.... It will make me proud to

know that I've worked for the benefit of many families, just as my mother's union has for me."

NORTHEAST: Logan S. Roberts
Parent: Daniel Roberts
Binghamton, NY Branch 333

Quote: "Aside from my career-specific goal of becoming a legislator, I would like to lead a life which challenges me and which allows me to be happy through the formation of meaningful connections. I want to go home every day feeling that I did something productive and fulfilling. I want to have a job which makes me feel valued, and which allows me to positively impact those around me."

JOHN T. DONELON SCHOLARSHIP:
Dalton M. Adams
Parent: Dale Adams
Lincolnton, NC Branch 1957

Adams will receive the \$1,000 John T. Donelon Scholarship, also renewable for three years. The Donelon award, established in 2004 by a separate trust, was created to recognize the longtime assistant to three national NALC presidents.

Quote: "Unions are important in protecting the rights of workers. Having an organization like a union backing you is key in making sure your rights are recognized and respected."

The NALC Scholarship Committee met April 25-27 at NALC Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Scholarship Committee is composed of Sandy Laemmel, Detroit, MI Branch 1; Jackie White, Los Angeles, CA Branch 24; and Lawrence Kania, Buffalo-Western New York Branch 3. The committee reviewed and evaluated the applications for the scholarships, and also

At right are (standing, from l) are Lawrence Kania, Jackie White and Sandy Laemmel. Seated are the judges (from l): Dr. Georgia Booker, Dale E. Bittinger and Karen S. Felton.



discussed problems and potential problems with the program, along with possible solutions. In making the final selection of this year’s winners, the committee was assisted by three respected educators: Dr. Georgia Booker, retired director, Office of Guidance Counseling Services, District of Columbia Public Schools; Karen S. Felton, director of college counseling, Georgetown Day School; and Dale E. Bittinger, assistant vice provost for undergraduate admissions, orientation and school partnerships at the University of Maryland.

The committee issued the following report:

“On this, the 56th anniversary of the founding of the William C. Doherty Scholarship program and the fourteenth anniversary of the John T. Donelon Scholarship, we processed 822 applications, in contrast to 763 applications in 2017.

“For purposes of this scholarship program, the country is divided into five geographic regions. Under the procedure, eliminations were made to reach the allowed figure of five scholarships—one to each of the five regions. At present, each Doherty scholarship is valued at \$16,000, which represents \$4,000 annually, for four consecutive years. The John T. Donelon scholarship provides for one scholarship of \$1,000 annually, for four consecutive years.

“Including this year’s winners, our program has aided 610 children of letter carriers in their pursuit of higher education. We strongly urge the parents of high school seniors to watch the July through December

2018 issues of *The Postal Record* for 2019 scholarship applications, which will be printed only in those issues. It is also available on the website, nalc.org.

“It is essential that applications be complete and all submissions made timely. The committee emphasizes the necessity of answering all questions on the required forms and providing all the information requested prior to the deadline date. We would like to stress the importance of applicants’ demonstrating diversity in extracurricular activities, sports, leadership, elective office and work experience as well as scholastic excellence. Applicants are rated on all of the above areas.

“The committee appreciates the cooperation of the various branches and state associations and encourages them to continue to publicize the scholarship program. We appreciate the contributions from our members who generously support the scholarship program. The value of a college education to our upcoming young men and women is incalculable. With the continuing increase in the cost of college, we urge each of our members to make a contribution to the Doherty Scholarship fund. Any

contribution will help to keep this worthy program as strong and effective as we can make it. (The Donelon Scholarship is funded by a separate trust fund.)

“The participation of President Fredric Rolando, Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhine and other resident officers and staff was an invaluable contribution to this committee’s work.

“Our thanks go to this year’s judges, who assisted in performing the assessment of applicants and making the final selections. We wish to express our deepest appreciation to these very outstanding educators for their assistance to the NALC Scholarship Committee and NALC.

“As it has for the past decade, the committee accepted ACT test scores along with SAT scores. The scholarship committee used information provided by Dr. Jeff Schiel of the Statistical Research Department, Research Division, ACT Regional Office, to correlate the ACT and SAT scores to provide a fair evaluation for the scholarship selections.

“We sincerely express our appreciation for this opportunity to serve the NALC membership in administering this program.” **PR**