



A Union of Professionals

Robert G. Porter Scholars Program

2009 One-Time \$1,000 Grant Application

(High school applicants are not eligible.)

American Federation
of Teachers, AFL-CIO

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PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

You must be an AFT member in good standing for at least one year and pursuing courses in labor relations or courses in your field of work. Full- or part-time AFT national, state or local staff may NOT apply.

This form should be completed and returned to:

Robert G. Porter Scholars Program, 555 New Jersey Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20001-2079

This application must be postmarked no later than **March 31, 2009**.

APPLICANT DATA

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

E-MAIL

TELEPHONE

SCHOOL TO BE ATTENDED

SUBJECT TO BE STUDIED

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR AFT LOCAL/AFFILIATE*

AFT LOCAL NAME AND NUMBER

TELEPHONE

NOTE: Porter Scholars Program grant money may be used only at institutions that are accredited by an agency approved by the U.S. Department of Education to offer postsecondary degrees or certification.

Porter Scholar grants may be used to cover the costs associated with becoming a National Board Certified Teacher. Grantees who plan to use funds for this purpose are strongly encouraged to complete the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification process.

***The AFT will contact your local to verify your membership.**

INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

YOUR CURRENT JOB TITLE

A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR CURRENT JOB (i.e., the type of clients, students, patients you work with; the type of institution or workplace)

POSITION, IF ANY, YOU HOLD IN THE UNION (e.g., officer, steward, volunteer)

NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN AN AFT MEMBER

AFT DIVISION OF APPLICANT

(Check the appropriate box; see explanations below.)

- AFT Teachers
- AFT PSRP
- AFT Healthcare
- AFT Public Employees
- AFT Higher Education

- If you are a teacher or other certified school employee working with students in prekindergarten through 12th grade, check the AFT Teachers box.
- If you are a school support staff/classified employee in K-12 or college, check the AFT PSRP box.
- If you are a nurse or other healthcare worker employed in a healthcare facility, home health agency or a school, check the AFT Healthcare box.
- If you are a government employee working for federal, state, local or municipal government, check the AFT Public Employees box.
- If you are a full-time or part-time college faculty member, a member of the college professional staff, or a graduate employee at a college or university, check the AFT Higher Education box.

1. WRITE AN ESSAY OF 350-500 WORDS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC (essay must be **typed on a separate sheet, and spelling and grammar must be correct.**):

“How I would use the Robert G. Porter Scholars Program grant to advance my profession or education.”

2. PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF NEED. (Please attach a **separate sheet.**)

3. PROVIDE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN OFFICER OF YOUR AFT LOCAL/AFFILIATE. (Letter must be written on official letterhead of local and attached to this application.)

I hereby certify that all information provided in this application is complete and correct.

SIGNATURE

DATE

**This application must be completed in full and submitted with the required attachments.
Failure to do so will result in disqualification.**

THIS FORM MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED