



The 2024 Nevada State AFL-CIO Arnold/Jones/Evans Scholarship

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Supplemental Questions

1. Are you a 2024 Nevada high school graduate?
2. Is your parent an active or retired member in good standing of any local union affiliated with the Nevada State AFL-CIO?
3. Please list the Local Union & Local Union number of your parent who is an active or retired member in good standing of any local union affiliated with the Nevada State AFL-CIO.
4. Statement of your career goals. Please include the name of school you will be attending after high school and your career goals.
5. **Essay - 1,000 words minimum:** Union participation continues to increase as Gen Z members enter the workforce and the landscape of work changes. What do you think a successful union looks like in the future, and what examples of a change today could lead the way? How has growing up in a union household shaped the way you view unions/how has that changed your understanding of labor rights?

The 2024 Arnold/Jones/Evans Scholarship is administered through the Public Education Foundation.

To apply follow the below application instructions:

1. Visit thepef.academicworks.com and click "sign up" to enter your email and create a password.
2. Check your email for link to begin your application.
3. Complete your general application, sign and submit.
4. Next, click on "Opportunities," and select "2024 NV AFL-CIO Arnold/Jones/Evans Scholarship."
5. After selecting the Arnold/Jones/Evans scholarship, choose "apply."
6. Answer the supplemental questions and enter your essay into the space provided.
7. Upload your unofficial transcripts.
8. Click "and submit!"

The Nevada State AFL-CIO Arnold/Jones/Evans scholarship is named after the following labor legends:

- **Jim Arnold** – Former Secretary-Treasurer of Culinary Local 226 (1987-2002)
- **Stanley Jones** – Former head of the Building & Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada (BCTCNN) & former DETR Employment Security Division Director, Administrator and Labor Commissioner
- **Blackie Evans** - Former Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Nevada State AFL-CIO (1978-1999)

For any questions, please contact Carlos at: chernandez@nvafclcio.com

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About the scholarship

In the late 1980's, **Jim Arnold** took over the leadership of the Culinary Union Local 226 and increased the membership from a mere 18,000 to over 50,000 members. He successfully guided the organizing of the new Las Vegas hotels and casinos during the 1990's and headed the union during the six and a half year Frontier strike – the longest labor dispute in U.S history. During his tenure, the Culinary faced several challenges, including a strike at the Horseshoe and organizing the MGM Grand after the resort's opening in 1993.

Stanley Phillip Jones joined the Sheet Metal Workers Local 26 in Reno, Nevada on May 31, 1946, and graduated from the union's apprenticeship program in 1948. He was elected as a Local 26 business representative in 1949 and to the same position with the Building & Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada in 1950. In 1967, Nevada Governor Laxalt appointed him as state labor commissioner, a post he held until 1979. During his tenure, he became the first Nevada labor commissioner elected President of the International Association of Governmental Labor Officials, representing the United States and its territories. In 1983, Governor Bryan appointed him executive director of the Nevada Employment Security Dept. He served three terms on the executive board of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies. Overall, he worked under five governors of both major political parties in his 33 years of public service while maintaining his status as a dues-paying member of his union.

Claude "Blackie" Evans, who hitchhiked to Henderson at age 17, fibbed about his age to get his first union job and became a major voice of organized labor in Nevada for nearly half a century. At age 17, Evans got a job at Titanium Metals after claiming he was 18, the minimum age for workers. At first, he refused to pay the \$3-a-month union dues, but reluctantly joined the union to help obtain a promotion. A short time later, Evans was elected vice president of United Steelworkers of America Local 4856. He was promoted to president in 1961, when Local President Johnny Clements suffered a nervous breakdown during contract negotiations. He held the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the Nevada State AFL-CIO for 21 years.