



LOCAL 1796

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TO: ALL FULL, PART-TIME & ADJUNCT FACULTY, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AND LIBRARIANS
FROM: AFT LOCAL 1796 EXECUTIVE BOARD
DATE: MARCH 30, 2026
RE: UNION SCHOLARSHIPS

KINDLY ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR STUDENTS

AFT OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS!

The American Federation of Teachers Local 1796 is pleased to announce that we are awarding three (3) \$1000.00 scholarships to WPU students: one (1) Local 1796 Scholarship, one (1) Local 1796 Irwin Nack Scholarship, and one (1) CNJSCL-Council of New Jersey State College Locals Scholarship. Scholarship checks will be distributed during our first Union meeting in September 2026. The criteria needed to be eligible for one of these scholarships are the following: (1) G.P.A. of at least 3.0, (2) membership in a union by the applicant or a member of their family, and (3) the submission of an essay (see attached application). Graduate students are encouraged to apply, as they will be eligible for one of the \$1000 scholarships.

Application forms for this year's Local 1796 scholarships are attached to this email or may be obtained at the AFT Office located in Grant Hall Room 233, on the Local's website www.aft-local-1796.org, or by emailing the Union office at AFT-Office@wpunj.edu to request an application via email. Completed applications must be submitted by end of day April 24, 2026. Applications may be left under the door of the Union office, or a scan of the complete application may be sent via email to AFT-Office@wpunj.edu.

*The decision of the Union Scholarship Committee will be final.

AFT LOCAL 1796 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
BANNER # 855 PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

Student Status (Check one of each)

Full-time _____ Part-time _____ / Undergraduate _____ Graduate Student _____
Grade Point Average (At end of Fall 2025 semester): _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Name of a Family Member in a Union, relationship to student:

Name of Union (include a photo of Union card with application):

Employment Experience (If available, attach resume):

Please list and describe all University and/or community service contributions. Include the name of the organization, type of activity, time frame and length of service (may be listed on separate page or included in resume):

Completed applications must include the items listed below, and all items must be received by the April 24 deadline.

1. Completed application form.
2. Official sealed transcript (Either a printed original delivered in an envelope sealed by the University Registrar, or a digital transcript sent directly from the University transcript service to our office at aft-office@wpunj.edu. Unofficial transcript screenshots, scans, copies, or email attachments will not be accepted. **Please note that official transcript requests take time to process, so plan accordingly.**
3. At least one, and no more than three, letters of recommendation from a WPUNJ professor, professional staff member, or librarian. These should be sent directly to the Union via email at aft-office@wpunj.edu or submitted in a sealed envelope from the

person who has written the letter. Be sure to notify them of the deadline.

4. A type-written, double-spaced essay with a minimum length of 500 words on “The Importance of Unions in American Society.”
5. A copy of a Union card showing membership of a family member in a labor union (any family member, any labor union qualifies).
6. Optional: resume.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT _____ Date _____

Completed applications must be submitted by **April 24, 2026**. Printed materials may be dropped off to the Union office: AFT Local 1796, Grant Hall, Room 233 (slide under the door if necessary), or scanned application materials may be submitted via email to AFT-office@wpunj.edu. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**