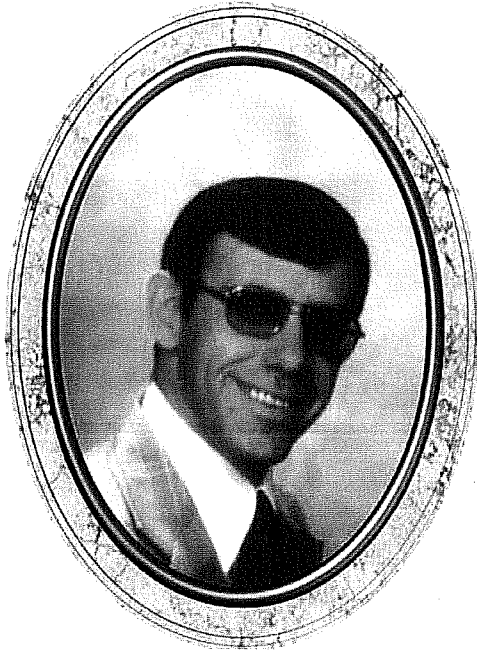


John "David" Dever Memorial Scholarship Application



John "David" Dever

Though his life was cut short with his sudden death at the age of 39, David will long be remembered as a union activist and community servant, who squeezed a lot of living in those brief years. His love of God sustained him throughout life, David and his family were members of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church. His wife Cathy and children David, Matthew, Patrick and Shannon were the light of his life and his motivation for everything he did in life.

After Graduation from Cathedral Prep in 1960, he attended Gannon University until 1964. David took employment at Fenestra and became a member of USWA 3872. He was an intelligent, articulate, soft-spoken young man with a photographic memory who loved a good debate, which caught the attention and admiration of his union brothers and sisters. His belief in the fundamentals of unionism drove him to activism and as a result, he served as union steward, and rose through the ranks to serve as President of USWA 3872 for 12 years before becoming a Staff Representative/Organizer.

David believed solidarity gave us strength and given the opportunity, he was always willing to work with other union leaders. He served as delegate to the Central Labor Union & Industrial Union Council AFL-CIO, a member of the Community Services Committee and COPE Committee with both his local and the council. He was also a member of the United Labor Leaders, a member of The United Way Labor Leaders, and served on the executive board as well.

David saw the struggles unions were beginning to have and urged everyone to become politically active. He believed unions needed to develop community support by working with other organizations and doing positive things in the public eye. He always led by example and personally was active with; State Police of Crawford and Erie Counties Company 27 for ten years, served on the Pennsylvania Public Interest Coalition, and a National Guard Reservist for 14 years. In 1979, he was one of only a few to graduate from the CBR Chemical, Biological, and Radiological preparedness class.

He was instrumental in the creation of the Erie Community Credit Union. David knew timing was everything and when the idea of establishing a labor monument was discussed, he urged our labor leaders to make sure it was completed before Mayor Tullio left office. David never lived long enough to see that monument dedicated.

This scholarship was dedicated in his memory as a tribute to a wonderful young man who truly made a difference.

This scholarship was sponsored by:

The Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council AFL-CIO.

AWARD - \$500

ELIGIBILITY:

Recipient of this scholarship must be an incoming freshman or undergraduate student in 2012 at Gannon University, who is either a member of or dependent of a member of a union affiliated with the Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council AFL-CIO and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. *All applicants shall be required to apply for all other forms of financial aid available at Gannon University.*

PURPOSE:

The purpose is to foster an understanding of the Labor Movement's vital contributions to this nation's economic and social, and political fabric.

TO ENTER:

Submit a 500-word essay. Topic: **How Has American Society Benefited from Unions?** Essays must be typewritten (in Blue or Black Ink), double-spaced on 8½" x 11" white paper, and void of identification. Please attach this completed scholarship application form to your essay and mail to:

**Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
1701 State St., Erie, Pa. 16501**

Essays can be e-mailed (if typed in MS Word) to eriecrawfordclc@aol.com but **the original printed essay and application form with signatures must be mailed** for verification of union affiliation.

Submission deadline: April 13, 2012

Presentation: Saturday, May 19, 2012

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Student's Name _____ Phone _____ Year in College @ Gannon _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of Union Member _____
Circle Relationship of Union Member (Grandparent / Father / Mother / or Self)

Union Affiliation (Local Union Name & Number) _____

Local Union Official's Signature _____ Title _____