

## SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, INC.

## Debbie Heitleband Memorial Scholarship

Avaílable for AME Members Starting Wednesday, September 1, 2021



The AME Executive Board has approved the AME Scholarship Fund to award a \$1,000 Essay Scholarship to an AME member enrolled in any course of study. All essays must be a minimum of 1,000 words.

This scholarship is awarded in fond remembrance of Ms. Debbie Heitleband, a former President of the Finance & Technology Unit, and an AME member for 28 years. Debbie was a dedicated AME Officer, member, and supporter. This scholarship was established in 2013 to honor her service.

Debbie was a Principal Contracts Examiner in the Finance & Technology Unit. She was always ready to volunteer at a moment's notice. She brought vital information to the Board of Directors Meetings and conventions, which she attended for more than 24 years. Debbie lost her life in a tragic automobile accident, and AME's brothers and sisters lost a loyal and dedicated member and supporter. The greatest tribute AME can offer her is to hear her name spoken annually as one of our members continues their education in Debbie's name.

The essay topic is *Labor Unions in the 21st Century:* Why are Labor Unions still important in today's modern world? What are some of the unique issues facing working people today and how can or should Organized Labor adequately address them? Please provide real-world examples from either historic and/or contemporary times.

All applicants must be enrolled in programs at accredited institutions of higher learning, including BOCES, during the Fall 2021 Semester. Applications will be available at AME headquarters beginning **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**. To arrange receipt of an application, please call the office at (631) 589-8400 or stop by AME Headquarters to pick one up.

All completed applications must include a <u>Paid Bursar's Receipt</u>, and be returned to AME Headquarters no later than <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 30</u>, <u>2021</u>. AME Headquarters is located at 30 Orville Drive, Suite A., Bohemia, and NY 11716.

Winner will be awarded in November 2021.