

# Student Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Planning Committee for Labor's Role at the Grassroots:  
Southwest Labor Studies Association 35th Annual Conference  
California State University East Bay

The Essay Contest invites Bay area college and high school students to write on this topic:

"How work and/or unions have impacted me, my family, and/or my community."

First prize will be \$100, second prize \$75, and third prize \$50.

Applicants may write about their own experience on a job or contact their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors or friends to learn what work and labor union membership and participation may have meant to them. Faculty are encouraged to assist students in developing meaningful essays. Students are encouraged to seek guidance from their instructors and their campus writing or academic achievement centers.

Essays will be judged on the basis of compelling story, writing style, and significance of the topic. Essays should be approximately 750 words in length. The cover sheet must list the title of the essay, the student's name, telephone number, email, and school, college, or university. When the student is assisted or encouraged by a faculty member, the faculty member's name and department should appear on the cover sheet. Judges will be a team of CSU East Bay faculty.

Applicants should send their completed essays to Professor Eileen Barrett, California State University, East Bay, Office of Faculty Development and the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching. Essays must be emailed as an attachment no later than noon on Tuesday, May 12. [eileen.barrett@csueastbay.edu](mailto:eileen.barrett@csueastbay.edu) All submissions will be acknowledged.

Winners will be announced on Friday, May 15th during the Cultural Program (6:30-8:30pm) of the Labor's Role at the Grassroots Conference in the New University Union at California State University East Bay. Funds for prizes are donated by our conference sponsors.

For more information, send an email to Professor Barrett at [eileen.barrett@csueastbay.edu](mailto:eileen.barrett@csueastbay.edu)

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