



Who is Eligible

Applicants for the Charles Ensley Scholarship must meet the following requirements to be eligible to be considered for a scholarship:

- You must be an active member in good standing for at least 12 months of the Social Service Employees Union Local 371, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.
- You must not have been awarded a Charles Ensley Scholarship in the past.
- Proof of Acceptance must be provided with your application to any of the following programs; Certificate in Labor Studies, Advanced Certificate in Labor Studies or 30-credit Master's Degree in Labor Studies.
- You must complete and submit an application with all supporting documentation to the Administrator of the Charles Ensley Scholarship Foundation, postmarked no later than December 19 of the current year.



Why SLU?

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) serves working adults who seek to improve their professional skills, upgrade their qualifications, advance their careers, and deepen their understanding of the world. Established as a partnership between The City University of New York and New York City labor unions, SLU provides working adults like you with increased opportunities to earn a college degree or certificate.

SLU Offers:

- Application assistance
- Free tutoring and college preparation classes
- Assistance with transfer credits
- Convenient locations
- Evening and weekend classes
- Small class sizes
- Counseling services
- Assistance with union tuition support and financial aid
- Academic support and advisement



“Education not only provides you with the knowledge, skills, and credentials you need to be more effective on the job and in the community, it also helps make life better – more fulfilling – for yourself and your family. I hope pursuing your education will encourage you to give back to your community and provide you with the tools you need to help strengthen the labor and social justice movement.”

*Anthony Wells
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Local 371, DC 37, AFSCME*

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**SSEU Local 371's
Charles Ensley Scholarship**
The Mighty, Mighty Union



**CUNY SCHOOL OF LABOR
AND URBAN STUDIES**

Dedicated to Public Service and Social Justice

SSEU Local 371

The Social Service Employees Union Local 371 is part of District Council 37 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO). Our Local has long been a powerful force in advancing the collective bargaining rights of public workers, standing for justice and equity, and strengthening the labor movement in New York City and beyond. Its members provide essential social services in neighborhoods across New York City, working in many occupations such as caseworkers and coordinators. Education has been key to achievements both as individuals and as a Union.

CUNY SLU

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) is the newest school within the City University of New York and proudly traces its roots to three decades of service as the Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies. SLU is dedicated to public service and social justice and is the only School of its kind in the nation, offering an interdisciplinary curriculum in labor and urban studies.

THE CHARLES ENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Charles Ensley Scholarship, a scholarship in the amount of \$3,500, is awarded to members of the Union who have been accepted to the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies. This scholarship is designed to be a source of financial assistance to defray some of the tuition costs. Charles Ensley, former President of SSEU Local 371, embodied the best of the labor movement's fighting spirit. With his passing, the Local established a scholarship in his memory.



About Charles Ensley

Charles Ensley was elected President of SSEU Local 371 in 1982 and led the union for the next 26 years. During that time, the Union nearly doubled its membership. A strong voice for union democracy, Ensley was also a courageous, outspoken, and tireless advocate for workers, taking on New York City mayors from Dinkins to Koch to Giuliani—fighting to preserve wage increases for his members and protect services for New York's diverse communities. As a graduate of Howard University in 1962, Charles Ensley understood the value of education. Throughout his 26 years at the helm of SSEU Local 371, he championed higher education as a right for working women and men. The Charles Ensley Scholarship was established in his name.

Why Pursue an Education at SLU

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, like SSEU Local 371, recognizes the value of public sector work and its workers, and is dedicated to building a stronger and more just society as well as strengthening the labor movement.

Six Good Reasons To Enroll

1. SLU is a school dedicated to public service and social justice
2. Students study the City, its problems, and the policies and practices designed to alleviate those problems
3. Student learn the work of work, workers, and worker organization
4. SLU's programs are designed for both thinkers and doers
5. Students obtain the credentials to certify their skills and advance their career
6. Students join a welcoming, small-school, supportive learning environment

What Students and Alumni Are Saying About SLU

"Were it not for the Charles Ensley scholarship I would not have been able to enroll in the CUNY SLU Master's Labor Studies program. I am beyond grateful for the opportunities this scholarship has awarded me! Thank you SSEU Local 371 for allowing me to continue to pursue & achieve my academic goals!"

—Eriam Lopez

"I graduated from CUNY SLU, where I learned to integrate some of the historical knowledge of the Labor movement and related social movements. This is a worthwhile and significant benefit. I thank the committee and the fund."

—Mark Castner

"Doing my master's degree confirmed that I want to go to law school so I have the training to come back and work as a labor lawyer, a movement lawyer. The education I got at CUNY is in many ways more valuable than I'm getting at top ten law school."

—Jessamyn Lockhard

"The Charles Ensley scholarship gave me an opportunity to obtain my Master's degree. My time at SLU has helped me to continue my work with SSEU Local 371, ensuring that the members understand the political process and how it gives them power and a voice both at home and in the workplace."

— SSEU Local 371 Vice President of Legislation and Political Action, Michelle Akyempong

About SLU Faculty

The School of Labor and Urban Studies has a world-class faculty, which includes renowned social science scholars as well as expert practitioners in the fields of Labor and Urban studies. Together, this faculty provides both intellectual development and practical learning to give students the tools they need to succeed. They are dedicated teachers as well as activists who are committed to education for meaningful social change.

Programs Offered

Graduate Level	Undergraduate Level
M.A. Labor Studies M.A. Urban Studies*	B.A. Urban and Community Studies*
Advanced Certificates in:	Certificates in:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Studies • Labor Relations* • Public Administration & Policy* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Studies • Labor Relations* • Public Administration & Policy*

**These programs are on a one year pilot basis, effective Fall 2020.*