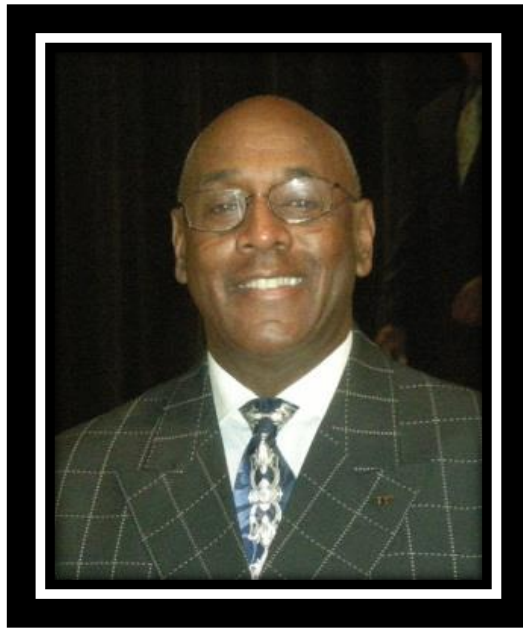


# 2020 Carnell Reed Scholarship



*"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you"*

*B.B. King*

## **BIOGRAPHY OF CARNELL “SONNY” REED FORMER PRESIDENT of SEIU LOCAL 400 PG**



Carnell “Sonny” Reed was born December 7, 1937 in Haynesville, LA. Mr. Reed relocated to the Washington, D.C. with his parents at the age of seven. He grew up in the Northwest part of Washington, D.C., and attended Garrison Elementary School, progressing along to Shaw Junior High School and then completing Armstrong High School.

Carnell started working with the Prince George’s School Board in 1964 was hired as the Day Supervisor at Crestview Elementary School, where he remained until 1966. In 1966, there was an opportunity to advance and he was then moved to Suitland Jr. High as the Day Supervisor until 1970. In 1970, an opportunity opened up for him to become a full time Organizer for the Firemen and Oilers Union. While working to organize the Firemen and Oilers Union and getting contracts established, he then went on to help organize Local 400 with fifteen hundred members.

In 1971, he enrolled in University of District of Columbia, and received a Certificate in Labor Law, to further his knowledge of the union with the hopes of continuing to move up. He received a Certificate for Organizing from the George Meany School in 1972. In 1973, he then went on to organize Prince George County Hospital, which later became Local 63. In 1974, he was elected to the position of First Vice President of Local 400. In 1975, the Firemen and Oilers Union disaffiliated with Local 400 and the Local became independent. The Union was now an independent association named Supporting Service Employees, Local 400.

In 1977, 1978, 1979, he received Certificates for Civil and Human Rights from the George Meany School. In 1977, he was elected to the position of Secretary Treasurer, having the responsibility to keep an accurate account of funds coming in and going out of the Local 400 union. In 1979, he was elected President of Local 400 Union. In the next few years, the union spent countless work hours to get the union better established. In 1984, the Union became affiliated with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), in which the Union was named SEIU Local 400 PG. In 1986, he was appointed to the Public Sector Board of SEIU and was placed on the Executive Board as a member.

In 1991, he was appointed to work on the Committee of the Future Report of SEIU. He also serves on the Metropolitan-Washington Council of AFL-CIO as an Executive Board Member. In addition, he also serves on the Maryland State and the District of Columbia AFL-CIO Board as the Regional Vice President and is still presently holding the same positions.

From 1991 to 1996, he was appointed the President of State Council 54 of Service Employees International Union. From 1996 to 2000, he served as Auditor for the International Office of SEIU. In 2008, he was elected Recording Secretary for SEIU State Council 54.

**BIOGRAPHY OF CARNELL "SONNY" REED  
FORMER PRESIDENT OF SEIU LOCAL 400 PG**

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As Union President, he has negotiated new contracts with the School Board for the custodians and has handled the grievances the members have had over the years. He continues to represent the membership not only at school level but before the County Council and State Government.

Mr. Reed was called home on December 4, 2014. For over 40 years he dedicated his life to the betterment of the labor movement. He worked tirelessly to improve the working conditions and the livelihood for the custodians of the Prince George's County Public School System. He continues to be held in high regard by many within the school system and by many politicians in Prince George's County as well as the State of Maryland.

He was and forever will be the face of SEIU Local 400 PG

# **SEIU LOCAL 400 PG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: \$1,500.00**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any SEIU Local 400 PG member who is in good standings with the local is eligible to apply for the SEIU Local 400 PG Scholarship.

**WHO MAY APPLY:** SEIU Local 400 PG members, member's children, grandchildren and/or legal guardians are eligible; provided that they are high school seniors or have not completed more than two (2) years of college. (Members, and their families, who serve on the Officers Board, the Executive Board, the Trustee Board or who serve as a committee member are not eligible to apply)

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** You may use the following checklist to ensure the application process is complete. All documents must arrive in the same package for the submission to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- I have attached a transcript of my grades (If currently a student)
- I have attached a letter of recommendation from my high school administrator or counselor
- I have attached my letter of acceptance from my impending college or trade school
- I have attached my written response and essay
- I have photocopied my entire submission for my files

Failure to include complete information requested will result in disqualification of your application. Please type or print all information.

Scholarship assistance from this organization will be made according to: (1) financial needs; (2) essay; (3) academic achievement; and without regard to sex, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age or handicap of any applicant.

**This completed application must be postmarked by October 31, 2020 and returned to:**

**SEIU LOCAL 400 PG  
9700 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE  
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:** (Please print clearly or type)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH DAY YEAR

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:**

(Applications without correct SEIU Local 400 PG information will be disqualified)

1. Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

2. Work Location: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Employee EIN #: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Relation to Applicant: [ ] Self [ ] Mother [ ] Father [ ] Grandparent [ ] Legal Guardian

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

1. High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Academic Activities:

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4. Volunteer Activities:

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5. Academic Honors:

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**WRITTEN RESPONSE:** In 150 to 250 words, describe your intentions for seeking higher education. What do you hope to accomplish by attending school and what are your future aspirations?

**ESSAYS:** In 500 to 1000 words, explain what is the purpose of a labor union, then compare and contrast the positive and negative aspects of being a part of a labor union?

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify to the best of my knowledge, that the information on this application is complete and accurate. Falsification of any information will cause my disqualification from the scholarship competition.

I understand it is my responsibility to make sure this application is completed and mailed by the required postmark deadline listed on the application. Furthermore, I understand that if my application is not complete, or if I do not submit my application by the postmark deadline, I may be disqualified from the scholarship competition and may not be considered for a scholarship.

This application, upon receipt, becomes the property of the scholarship sponsor

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Parent Signature, if less than 18 years old

Date

