

2020
William H. Sellman
Scholarship



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

B.B. King

BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM H. SELLMAN PRESIDENT of SEIU LOCAL 400 PG



William H. Sellman was born on July 4, 1949 in Upper Marlboro Maryland. He is married with three children and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Sellman started working with the Prince George's County School System in 1970 at Frances T. Evans as a night cleaner. He quickly moved up to Night Lead at Frances T. Evans and shortly after was promoted to Night Foreman at Surrattsville Junior High School. Over the next few years he was a Building Supervisor II at Samuel Chase Elementary School, Building Supervisor III at Woodmore Elementary School, Building Supervisor IV at Shuggart Middle School, and Building Supervisor V at Potomac H. S. He eventually became a Building Supervisor VI at High Point High School, where he has been for seventeen (17) years during which he was made a Chief Building Supervisor in charge of fourteen schools in his cluster until the program was disbanded in July 2012.

During his thirty-seven (37) years with the school system Mr. Sellman has received numerous awards and in 2000 received the Outstanding Support Personnel Award.

Mr. Sellman likes to keep up to date with the entire goings on of the school system and attends seminars and workshops such as How to Deal with Difficult Employees, Daycon Custodial Supply Company etc.

Mr. Sellman started with the Local in 1985 as a trustee and became Executive Vice President in 1986. He works hard with the membership and always tries to help with matters concerning the membership.

Mr. Sellman enjoys spending time with his family. His hobbies include exercising, jogging, bike riding and cars. Mr. Sellman has ridden his bike for as far as 65 miles. Mr. Sellman has participated in such events as Race for the Cure, Bay Bridge Walk and Bike Rides for Easter Seal.

As Union Executive Vice 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 faithfully.

Mr. Sellman took over as President of SEIU Local 400 PG in 2014 and was elected to his seat in 2015. Even though he has since retired from the Prince George's County Public School System, he continues, as always, working to better the internal functions of the Union and is held in high regard by many within the PGCPSS school system.

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**

5. Academic Honors:

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

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent Signature, if less than 18 years old

Date

