

# DEBBIE HEITLEBAND

## 2025 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



*This scholarship is awarded in memory of Ms. Debbie Heitleband, a devoted AME member for 28 years and former President of the Finance & Technology Unit. Established in 2013 to honor her service, Debbie exemplified dedication as an AME Officer, member, and supporter. She served with distinction as a Principal Contracts Examiner in the Finance & Technology Unit and was known for her willingness to volunteer at a moment's notice. For over 24 years, Debbie actively contributed vital insights at Board of Directors meetings and conventions, leaving a lasting impact on the organization.*

### READY TO APPLY?

*All applicants must be enrolled in programs at accredited institutions of higher learning, including BOCES, during the Fall 2025 semester.*

*To arrange receipt of an application, please call the office at (631) 589-8400 or stop by AME Headquarters to pick one up. All applications and a paid Bursar's receipt must be returned to AME Headquarters at 30 Orville Drive, Suite A, Bohemia, NY 11716, no later than October 15, 2025.*

### 2025 ESSAY TOPIC:

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKPLACE SAFETY: THE ROLE OF UNIONS IN PROTECTING WORKERS

*Workplace safety is a critical concern for employees across all industries. Labor unions have historically played a central role in advocating for safer working conditions and protecting workers from hazards on the job. In your essay, discuss the importance of workplace safety and how labor unions have contributed to improvements in health and safety standards over time. Highlight key union campaigns, legislation influenced by union advocacy, and examples of how these efforts have made a tangible difference for workers. Consider both historical milestones and current challenges unions face in this arena.*

## APPLICATION DUE: OCTOBER 15, 2025