

DORIE ROSSITER

2025 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



**APPLICATION DUE:
OCTOBER 15, 2025**

2025 ESSAY TOPIC:

THE ROLE OF SOLIDARITY IN LABOR MOVEMENTS: BUILDING UNITY ACROSS DIFFERENT WORKER GROUPS

Suffolk AME represents a diverse workforce across more than 30 unit boards, including both blue- and white-collar employees. Despite varied roles, their strength comes from unity. In your essay, discuss the importance of solidarity in the labor movement, focusing on how bridging divisions—by job, department, or background—can strengthen unions. Provide examples from labor history or current events where diverse worker solidarity achieved success, and explore challenges and strategies for building unity across varied workforces.

Established in 2009, this scholarship honors the memory of Dorie Rossiter, a cherished charter member of our Union. In 1984, Dorie joined Charles Novo Jr. in the successful decertification effort that led to our union's formation. A dedicated volunteer and committee member, she regularly attended AME conventions. After retiring in 1999 from 31 years as a Suffolk County Crossing Guard, Dorie continued her commitment as President of the Retirees Unit until her passing in 2007. She is fondly remembered as one of AME's most loyal friends.

READY TO APPLY?

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

To obtain an application, call (631) 589-8400 or visit AME Headquarters. Submit the completed application and a paid Bursar's receipt to AME Headquarters, 30 Orville Drive, Suite A, Bohemia, NY 11716, by October 15, 2025.