

Debbie Heitleband



Open September 1st
to September 30th

2026 SCHOLARSHIP FOR SUFFOLK AME MEMBERS

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.

ESSAY TOPIC- *DISARMING THE THREAT: COUNTERING THE PRIVATIZATION OF PUBLIC JOBS*

Privatization, transferring public services and jobs to private companies, poses significant challenges to municipal workers and their unions. In your essay, explore how privatization affects municipal jobs, including impacts on job security, wages, benefits, and service quality. Analyze the strategies municipal labor unions could use to resist or counter privatization efforts. Consider tactics such as public advocacy, political lobbying, coalition-building with community groups, legal action, and organizing campaigns. You may provide real-life examples in your argument.

READY TO APPLY?

All applicants must be enrolled in programs at accredited institutions of higher learning, including BOCES, during the Fall 2026 semester. To arrange receipt of an application, please call (631) 589-8400, reach out via email to info@scame.org, or stop by AME Headquarters to pick one up, starting on September 1st.

All applications and a paid Bursar's receipt must be returned to Suffolk AME HQ at 30 Orville Drive, Suite A, Bohemia, NY 11716, no later than September 30, 2026.