

GIRARD P. "JERRY" CLARK

1924-1990



For nearly two decades, Jerry Clark was at the helm of AFSCME's Political Action department.

During this time, he dutifully stood guard, keeping union-busting, anti-worker politicians away from public office and putting his political genius to work on behalf of those candidates who pledged to stand by public employees.

A soft-spoken, brilliant man, Clark was a committed trade unionist with a devotion to fairness and decency that is rare in the pressure-cooker world of electoral politics.

His death was a great loss to AFSCME and to all of the American labor movement but it is even greater to us who knew him as a friend.

Jerry Clark really cared about ordinary people. He really cared about the health of our democracy. And he put his warmth, decency and his ideals into everything he did.

With his encyclopedic knowledge of political campaigns, he will be remembered most for the training programs and the phone banks and door-knocking methods he perfected over the years to turn out high percentages of voters on Election Day.

Appointed by former AFSCME President Jerry Wurf in June 1967 to be director of what was then the AFSCME Department of Education and Research, Clark had a background in the trade union movement, government and journalism. He at one time headed

the national union's Legislative and Community Affairs department.

In 1971, as part of a major reorganization of AFSCME departments, Clark became the national union's director of the newly created Political Action department and briefly served as the director of the newly created Retiree Department in 1978 and 1979.

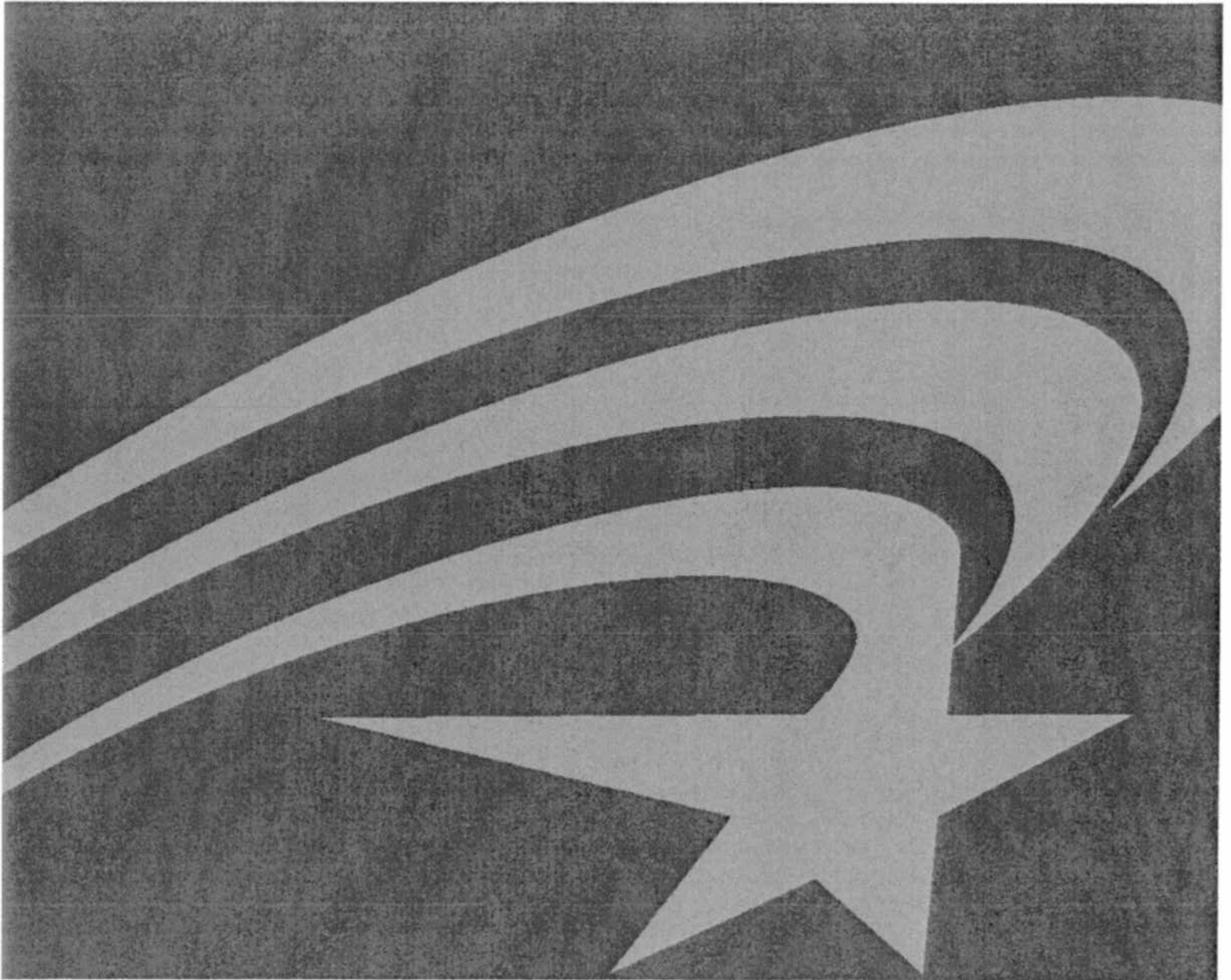
A native of Wisconsin and a veteran of World War II, Clark graduated from the School of Journalism of Marquette University. He was editor of the *West Point Pilot* (Wis.) for a brief period before joining the *Kenosha Evening News* (Wis.), where he was the labor and political editor. He organized the newspaper's editorial department in 1953 as a local of the American Newspaper Guild, AFL-CIO. He served as the first president of that unit and as a delegate to the Guild's Midwest District Council.

Clark was president of the Kenosha County CIO Council in 1956, during which period he worked with AFSCME, organizing the Kenosha County courthouse, highway and city hall AFSCME locals.

He was named co-chairman of the statewide campaign committee for Sen. William Proxmire in 1957 and served as Proxmire's top aide in Washington from 1957 to 1962.

Clark held a key post in the Wisconsin primary campaign committee for John F. Kennedy in 1960 and joined the Kennedy administration in 1963 as director of Equal Opportunity for the U.S. Defense Department.

Jerry Clark Memorial Scholarship



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OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

When completed, please return,

POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 30, TO:

Jerry Clark Memorial Scholarship Program
AFSCME
Attention: Department of Political Action
1625 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-5687
afscme.org

INSTRUCTIONS

The Jerry Clark Memorial Scholarship Program is an ongoing program available to children of AFSCME members who are interested in pursuing a career in political activism. Under the program, a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded annually to two students for their junior and senior years of study. Each student will also be given the opportunity to intern at the national union headquarters in the Political Action department during the summer between his/her junior and senior year, or for one semester during his/her junior or senior year. Scholarship winners may also be eligible for a six-month job placement with AFSCME after graduation. The scholarship winners will be selected by a committee that will thoroughly examine all applications. Once awarded, scholarships will be renewed for the senior year of study, provided students remain enrolled in a full-time course of study with a declared major contributing to activism for working families.

Any student in his/her sophomore year of study who is enrolled in a full-time, four-year degree program in an accredited college or university, and whose parent, legal guardian, or financially responsible grandparent is an AFSCME member, **and** who meets the following requirements is eligible to apply for the scholarship:

- a. The student must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- b. The student must be enrolled full-time, have declared a major and demonstrate interest in pursuing a career in political activism.

TO APPLY

1. Complete the applicant's section.
2. Provide an official copy of your transcripts for your freshman and sophomore years and proof of your major.
3. Have your parent, legal guardian or grandparent complete the AFSCME parent's section.
4. Attach proof of parent's, legal guardian's or grandparent's AFSCME membership, such as a COPY of the membership card.
5. Make sure your complete application, with all supporting documentation, is mailed to AFSCME, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 30.**

SELECTION

1. All students who apply by the deadline and who meet the minimum requirements stated above will be eligible for the scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee will thoroughly examine all applications.
2. Announcement of winners will be made by August 1.



TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

(Please print and please use black ink or type)

1. Applicant's Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____
(City) (State) (ZIP)

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
(Area Code) (Number) (Area Code) (Number)

2. Please have your college or university submit an official copy of your transcripts for your freshman and sophomore years. GPA _____

3. Indicate the name and address of the university or college you are attending _____

4. Please indicate the year you expect to graduate _____ 5. Date of Birth _____

6. Please submit proof of your major (for example, a letter from a dean or registrar).

7. Please list your political experience and activities.

8. **Essay:** In your own words, please describe the mission of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). In your essay, please offer your definition of "activism," describe ways you have demonstrated activism, and offer your recommendation on ways AFSCME can exercise its political power and collective activism to make better the lives of our members, their families and the communities in which we work and live. Limit your essay to 500 words or one page.

Applicant's Signature

Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AFSCME PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN OR FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE GRANDPARENT

1. Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____
(City) (State) (ZIP)

Cell Phone _____ Phone _____
(Area Code) (Number) (Area Code) (Number)

2. Work Location _____ Phone _____
(Area Code) (Number)

Address _____
(City) (State) (ZIP)

3. AFSCME Council Number _____ Local Number _____ Retiree Chapter _____

(You must attach proof of membership, such as a COPY of your AFSCME membership card.)

4. Check one: Parent Legal Guardian Financially Responsible Grandparent

Signature

Date

DETACH AT DOTTED LINE