



The Connell F. Smith-Homer Brown Scholarship Award is presented to college students whose parents, grandparents, spouse, or who themselves are members in good standing with Laborers' Local 773.

This scholarship is given in honor of the late Local 773 Business Manager /Secretary Treasurer Connell F. Smith whose vision and leadership guides Local 773 today in organizing, political activism and service to the membership. The award also honors the late Homer Brown was a Local 773 Laborer in Cairo, Illinois during the Great Depression and despite his hardships he made certain his 6 children obtained their college degrees to lead productive and successful lives.

Applicants must be enrolled as a full- time student for both FALL&SPRING semesters at an accredited University, College or Vocational School and must maintain at least a 2.6 cumulative GPA during the entire previous year to be considered for the award. Proof of qualifying GPA must be in its official form.

Applicants must have all forms, documents, and essay postmarked no later than April 17th, 2024 in order to be considered for the award. All documentation must be complete and comprehensive. Partial or incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible. **Applications will not be accepted after the March April 17th, 2024 deadline.**

Mailing address:

Laborers' Local 773
Attn: Connell F. Smith-Homer Brown Scholarship Committee
5102 Ed Smith Way
Marion, Illinois 62959

Applications and essays will be reviewed by the committee beginning April 18th, 2024. Eligibility will be conditional upon the submission of Spring 2024/Fall-2024 class schedule. Fall2024 Schedule must be received by July 31, 2024-Spring2024 schedule must be received with the application. *(Excluding High School applicants or those applying for the first time)*

Applicants must reapply each year and supply all documentation in order to become eligible or maintain eligibility. Year to year eligibility is contingent upon meeting all requirements based on the FALL-SPRING enrollment, application, cumulative GPA, essay, volunteer day and most recent transcripts. Recipients who qualified can receive the award for up to 4 years (consecutive or non-consecutive).

Recipients must contribute at least one day of volunteer work **for Laborers' Local 773** during each qualifying year, beginning in April 2024. This volunteer day must be completed before March 2025 in order to reapply. Any applicant who does not participate in a Union volunteer day will be omitted from eligibility***First time applicants will complete a volunteer day during year one of the award and continue to contribute each year of eligibility.*

Award Recipients must be in attendance at the 2024 Award Ceremony at to receive their certificate of award. Location and date will be announced at a later date.

CHECK LIST-ALL documents must be submitted in whole and applications must be complete in order to be considered for the award.

- The application must be completed in full including phone number-email and SS#-incomplete applications will be omitted

- High School or College Transcripts from the previous scholastic year must be included at time of application. **IMPORTANT**-the Cumulative GPA for the previous year must be clear and legible on the transcripts. Photos of transcripts or any other form of duplication not originally from the source will not be accepted.
- Proof of admission from accredited college. *Acceptance letter first year and/or class schedule thereafter.*
- Full Time Student/ 2024 spring schedule included in the application. 2024 Fall Class schedule *to be submitted before July 31st.*
- Completed Essay. Essay must be complete with 12pt font or less, 2 full pages, single spaced, **min. 1200 word count**. Essays that do not meet the requirements will be omitted from eligibility.

2024/25 CONNELL F. SMITH-HOMER BROWN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION		
APPLICANT NAME _____		
All information on this application is required and must be completed in its entirety to be considered eligible		
Have you been a CFS-HB Scholarship recipient in the past? Y/N _____ If yes, what year(s) did you receive the scholarship award?		
Date of birth: _____/_____/____yr	*SSN _____ - _____ - _____ <i>Must complete 9 digits</i>	Phone: _____
Current HOME address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip code: _____
Email: _____		Are you a registered voter: Y/N _____
Last High School Attended: _____		
If you will be a High School Graduate in Spring 2024- name of Guidance Counselor and email address: _____		
Date of Graduation: _____	Class Rank _____	SAT Score _____
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION		
Name of College or University you plan to attend: _____		
Your cumulative GPA for the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 school year: _____		
Address & location of admissions & payment: _____	City: _____	State & Zip _____
Year you will be attending: FRS(1) SOPH(2) JR(3) SR(4) other _____		
Area of Study: _____		
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT		
List all school and community activities, awards, honors, special recognition: <i>(can be included as attachments)</i>		*Union Volunteer Day(s) if reapplying:

		Applicants must have proof and/or letter from non-profit organizer	
LABORERS' LOCAL 773 MEMBER INFORMATION			
Name of member whom you are related:			
Relationship		Place of Employment:	
ESSAY QUESTION			
<p><u>*Essay must be complete</u> with 12pt font or less, two FULL pages, single spaced. Min of 1200 word count. Essays that do not meet the requirements will be omitted from eligibility.</p>			
<p>*I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form to Laborers' Local 773 for my current High School, College and/or University</p>			
*Signature of applicant:		Date:	
*Signature of #773 member:		Date:	
<p>Students who submit an application certify the information provided on the application is correct to the best of their knowledge. Falsification of information will automatically disqualify a student from receiving any scholarships. Students agree that if awarded a scholarship, CFS-HB may share their name and scholarship information with the local media, television, radio and/or the Laborers' Local 773 website.</p> <p>Applicants meeting the above criteria will be eligible without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. The scholarship committee reserves the right to consider or disqualify a desiring applicant based on the information provided in the application ONLY.</p>			

ESSAY QUESTION

Unions have the capacity to tackle some of the biggest problems that plague our economy today. What are some of the roles that Unions has played in shaping the modern workplaces' policies and practices? Give an individual case or example personal to you- weather it be a family member, or personal acquaintance in which a Union has been an important element in improving the life of an individual you know.