



The Connell F. Smith
Homer Brown
Scholarship

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 who 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 4, 2025 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 April 4th 2025 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 and eligibility will be conditional upon the submission of Spring 2024/Fall-2025 class schedule. Fall 2025 Schedule must be received by July 31, 2025. Spring 2024 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 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 2025. This volunteer day must be completed before March 2026 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.*

Laborers Local 773 partners with Heaven's Kitchen in Harrisburg, The Fowler Bonan Foundation and the Special Olympics of Southern Illinois to offer assistance with events and activities. You may reach out to the organizations by contacting them to arrange your day of service:

Fowler Bonan Foundation Amy Oxford 618-926-3062 (Meals served every Tuesday evening at Harrisburg Heaven's Kitchen).

Special Olympics of Southern Illinois Britney Fuqua 618-363-2799

As part of the requirements, award recipients must be in attendance at the 2025 Award Ceremony to receive their certificate of award on Thursday May 22, 2025 at Kokopelli Golf Club Banquet Room in Marion IL at 5pm.

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 should include your 2024 spring schedule. 2025 Fall class schedule must be submitted *before July 31st 2025.*
- 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.*

2025/26 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 & address:		
Your cumulative GPA for the Spring 2025/Fall 2024 school year was: _____ Proof must be provided in the form of OFFICIAL transcripts mailed to :Laborers’ Local 773, 5102 Ed Smith Way, Marion IL 62959 Screenshots, photos, or any other form of duplications will be omitted from eligibility		

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		
*Essay must be complete 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.		
*I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form to Laborers' Local 773 for my current High School, College and/or University		
*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>Acceptance based on personalized essay, community involvement and volunteer experience and GPA. 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

In a world where artificial intelligence can generate essays and ideas, authenticity and personal voice have never been more important. Share a story or experience from your life that shaped who you are today. Explain why this moment matters to you and how it connects to your future goals. Ensure your response reflects your unique perspective, without assistance from AI tools or similar technologies.