

Hammond Education Foundation Scholarship Requirements

Scholarship Description

The Hammond Education Foundation scholarship fund was established to assist graduating seniors from the School City of Hammond with some of the costs associated with the first year of post-secondary education.

Available Scholarships

- Draskovich-Brundidge Scholarship - \$1,000 (10-12 available)
- Legacy Bi-Centennial Scholarship - \$1,000 (1 available)
- Biel Memorial Scholarship - up to \$2,500 (1-2 available)
- Ida & Lewis Brown Scholarship - \$500 (3 available)

Selection Criteria

- Class rank (top 25%)
- Grade point average (2.5 or higher as shown on a transcript of high school record through the end of the senior year)
- School activities for the past four (4) years
- Awards/honors
- Personal and educational goals

Application and Award Procedures

- Application form is available online and must be submitted online
- School Counselor must submit an official copy of the applicant's high school transcript directly to the Hammond Education Foundation via email at HEF@hammond.k12.in.us
- Applications and official transcripts must be received no later than 5:00 pm on March 3, 2025
- HEF will announce the winners on April 11, 2025
- HEF will send the scholarship check directly to the student's college or university each year

Terms and Conditions

- Scholarship recipient must maintain a 2.5 or higher grade point average as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours per semester) if enrolled in a college or university
- Scholarship recipient must provide a transcript showing proof that the student being actively enrolled in college, university or trade school
- The scholarship will be rescinded should the student does not meet the GPA and/or full-time student requirements
- Scholarship recipient must maintain active communication with the HEF Executive Director, via email or phone, at least twice a year

The Hammond Education Foundation reserves the right to revoke disbursement of scholarship funds for any false statements, misleading information and/or unfulfilled attendance requirements.

Draskovich-Brundidge Scholarship - \$1,000 (10-12 available)

The Draskovich-Brundidge Scholarship was created by Zlatana Draskovich, a former teacher with the School City of Hammond, who is dedicated to teaching and learning. Helping students in need, especially those needing help navigating the expenses associated with entering college or university, has been Ms. Draskovich's goal in life.

Legacy Bi-Centennial Scholarship - \$1,000 (1 available)

The Legacy Bi-Centennial Scholarship was created by the Hammond Education Foundation through its endowment fund held by the Legacy Foundation in Merrillville, IN.

Biel Memorial Scholarship - up to \$2,500 (1-2 available)

The Biel Memorial Scholarship was created by a Hammond High School alum, who chooses to remain anonymous, initially to support the first year of college or university for a graduating Hammond High School student. With the closing of Hammond High, the scholarship has been expanded to include both Hammond Central and Morton High Schools.

Ida & Lewis Brown Scholarship - \$500 (3 available)

The Ida and Lewis Brown scholarship is created in memory of Ida T. Brown, a school librarian that was employed by the School City of Hammond and retired after 28 years of service. Lewis Brown, who collaborated on the establishment of this fund and is the husband of the late Ida T. Brown has served as a lifelong mentor, counselor and father figure to the creator of this scholarship. Both Mr and Ms. Brown had an extreme impact on the life and success of a student, Mohammad Haleem FKA Clarence "Bouzy" Allen (Hammond High School C/O 1990) who has created this scholarship in their honor. Through Mohammad's nonprofit Star U Are, deserving students that attend Hammond Central High School and/or Hammond Morton; two awards will be granted to graduating seniors attending these schools and the third will be reserved for a student that attends either of the two schools and additionally is a participant in the Purdue University Northwest Upward Bound Program. The family of Ida and Lewis Brown will join with Mohammad Haleem to create additional scholarships for future students beginning in 2024. Special



consideration will be given to seniors that will attend a Historically Black College and University. **Ideal applicants are: Underrepresented minority; First generation college students; Seeking studies at a Historically Black College and University**