**Olen L. Smith Memorial Scholarship**

**(Hancock County Superintendent of Schools 1939-1967)**

**Presented by the Hancock County Historical Society**

**(Please submit application in paper form by *March 1* to your high school guidance counselor or deliver to the Hancock County Historical Society in Carthage, IL)**

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**NAMES OF PARENTS/GUARDIAN\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADE SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**

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**\*One $1000 Scholarship will be awarded to an accredited senior in each of the four Hancock County High Schools. Scholarship funds will be mailed to the school you plan to attend upon proof of enrollment.**

**Why do you think learning and researching local history and culture can be important?**

**(Attach a separate document if needed)**

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**In an attempt to capture some unique local history, interview a person who has local memories they would like to share from 1945-1975. In a short essay, 500-1000 words, present the information given about their memory and/or memories. More than one remembrance can be shared. The categories and a checklist are on the next page. Please double space, have 1” margins, and Times New Roman font. The piece of writing will be judged totally upon content and correct usage of English.**

**Can we publish your essay in our newsletter or any historical society publication? Yes No**

**Scholarships made possible by John and Dorothy Schoonover,**

**son-in-law and daughter of Olen Smith.**

**\*\*Remember your local libraries and historical societies are great tools in research information. 😊**

**Categories for Olen L. Smith Memorial Scholarship**

**Community Life** (a memory about stores, routines, town events, local values, etc.)

**Family Life** (a memory about parents, siblings, grandparents, homes, family values, etc.)

**School Days** (a memory about class experience, other youngsters, activities, reading, etc.)

**Farm Life Years Ago** (a memory about routines, roles, animals, rural conditions, etc.)

**Earning a Living** (a memory about early jobs, income struggles, work interactions, etc.)

**What We Once Enjoyed** (a memory about popular music, movies, books, parties, etc.)

**Special Places** (a memory about a playground, park, library, nature site, old road, cemetery, etc.)

**People with a Lasting Influence** (a memory about friends, neighbors, teachers, doctors, etc.)

**Experience at Carthage College or Robert Morris** (a memory about student life, classes, clubs,

activities, teachers, etc.)

**Please include in your essay:**

* **Name of the person interviewed**
* **Where they grew up**
* **Age**
* **The year or years of shared memory/memories**

**“The land and the people hold memories.”**

* **Carl Sandberg**