

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**  
**Westbrook Lodge #1784**  
**PER Association Don Harger Jr Vocational Training Scholarship**

To help keep up with demand and assist the next generation of professionals, the Westbrook Elks Lodge PER Association will award a \$1,500 scholarship to eligible students for vocational training. The scholarship award is open to any citizen of the United States, who is a legal resident of the State of Connecticut and, who is a graduating high school senior. Preference will be given to children and grandchildren of BPOE members in good standing.

This vocational scholarship is available to students pursuing an associate degree, credit-bearing certificate or an industry-recognized credential at a vocational-technical school, trade school, two-year community college, or state college. It is intended to help students interested in programs of study leading to trade, technical, industrial or vocational occupations that can include, for example (but not limited to): Culinary, Medical or Dental Assistant, Electrician, Plumber, Construction, Welding, Real Estate, Auto Mechanic, Auto Body Technician, I/T or Computer Technician, Field Service Technician, Massage Therapist, Barber, Florist or Cosmetologist.

Participants must meet the following requirements:

- A high school senior or a high school graduate (or GED equivalent) with a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or greater.
- Be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a technical college, or vocational program.
- Provide the completed application form along with three letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation must be from a school official.
- Provide a short essay expressing the value of the award in the pursuit of a vocational career, and why the applicant chose to move in that direction.

The PER Scholarship program requires that the funds be used for tuition and fees only and will pay the financial assistance award directly to the winner's accredited trade school or college/university.

The scholarship is named in honor of Don Harger, Jr., who was in the elevator trade, where he spent his career in construction, service, repair, and management. After his retirement, he used his vocational skills as a resolute Trustee of Westbrook Lodge. He took extraordinary pride in ensuring that the Lodge facilities were in good repair and safe for members and their guests. Don Harger Jr. truly earned and deserved the honor of having his name on this scholarship.

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**Scholarship Application**

- You must either type or print all your answers neatly in ink.
- Application response may be sent via email to [westbrook.elks@snet.net](mailto:westbrook.elks@snet.net) or mail to **Westbrook BPOE #1784, P.O. Box 384, Westbrook, CT 06498.**
- The scholarship application, transcripts, essay and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by 6/1/2026.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Permanent mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and street.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip E-mail

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

2. What year did/will you receive a high school diploma or GED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name or GED City State

3. High school students only: High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_

4. Community College GPA through January 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

College attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of College or University Dates Attended Degree Earned

**Applicants must register at a college, university, vocation or trade school located in USA.**

School choice for 2025-26 \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name City and State

Major Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Is sponsor a member of the BPOE?" \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge and Number \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION. I certify that all information I have provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information on this application if requested. I give permission to selection committees to review information on this form, my transcripts, and any additional supporting documentation submitted as part of this application. I give permission for selection committees to contact high school and/or college officials for additional academic information. I further agree if chosen to submit a written paragraph to be published on the value of the scholarship award in my academic pursuits.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_