



List community service activities, special recognition or awards you've received.

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How are you funding your college education? Please reference other scholarships or aid you are receiving.

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*I certify that I have truthfully completed all of the information required of this award. All information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to LCCC to release information about my financial aid and academic record to the LCCC Foundation Office and the Selection Committee.*

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Signature

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Date

Scholarship Sponsored by:



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**ABOUT RALPH SMITH**

**Ralph J. Smith served the field of education as a high school English teacher, a college journalism professor and editor of a weekly community newspaper. After teaching for three years, he was asked to become a faculty member at Vincennes University (Junior College) to teach and work as editor. Several years later, he became Director of Print and Mails, then Director of Student Outreach and Parent Programs and then director of State and Federal Programs in the University Foundation. After 18 years, he left higher education to become Director of Fundraising and Community Programs at the**

**Cleveland Christian Home for Children in Cleveland. After five years in that position, he became a National Fundraiser and Regional Administrator for the National Benevolent Association (NBA), still based in Cleveland.**

**For the majority of his working career he was in fundraising bringing funds from local, state and national government venues, foundations and corporations. He developed several successful proposals for FIPSE, DOE, DOT, DHHS and others. He established donor relations programs, including planned gifts and special events, including several national golf tournaments and others. He captured the largest individual donor gift in NBA's history, as well as multiple major life estates and major gift annuities.**

**Smith was a former Marine who served in the Korean War for two of his four years in the area of communications and in the front line of conflict. After his military service, he earned an associate degree at Vincennes University and then bachelor's and master's degrees at Indiana State University. He also completed a master's program at Ball State University and later studied in a doctoral program at North Central University.**

**Upon retirement from NBA, he began teaching part time in the Lorain County Community College Public Administration Program, later also teaching for Cleveland State University's College of Urban Affairs Partnership Program with LCCC. While teaching, he assisted with the Student Political Science Club and he worked with Service Learning and Student Activities on an Arbor Day Project for two years. He worked with a team of faculty as lead faculty member to redesign American National Government as part of a national effort focused on Course Redesign. He taught in that program for five years.**

**He served as a consultant for several years with the Department of Health and Human Services in program evaluation.**

**Smith was very dedicated to students and education. He spoke frequently about establishing a scholarship program for students in the Public Administration Program. As a result of generous gifts from many donors, the scholarship was established.**