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## FUNERAL MEMBER'S SON EARNS CFL SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Tiernan, son of Teamsters Local 727 funeral member Brian Tiernan, has earned a Chicago Federation of Labor William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship.

Tiernan and nine other recipients — all sons or daughters of CFL-affiliated union members — received a one-time award of \$2,000 at a reception on May 24 at the CFL's office in downtown Chicago.

“We are always thrilled to see our members and their families rewarded for their hard work and dedication,” said John T. Coli, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 727. “Scholarships like these are just another example of the many benefits that come along with being part of our great union.”

Tiernan recently graduated with a 4.9 grade point average from St. Rita High School in Chicago, where he served as student government president, National Honor Society president and a football team captain. He will attend the University of Alabama in the fall.

His brother, Austin Tiernan, won a \$1,000 James R. Hoffa Scholarship in 2015. Austin Tiernan is studying sports medicine at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

“These scholarships have helped immensely. College is very expensive, and every little bit counts, especially for working union families,” said Brian Tiernan, an 18-year Teamster and driver for SCI funeral homes. “To be recognized by these union organizations, you can't really say enough about it. It's unbelievable.”

Each year, the Chicago Federation of Labor awards 10 William A. Lee Memorial Scholarships, valued at \$2,000 each, to five winners of the Academic Competition and five winners of the Random Drawing. The funds may be used at any accredited college or university in the United States. The CFL scholarship applications are posted in January of each year with the deadline on March 1.

For more information, visit [chicagolabor.org/scholarship](http://chicagolabor.org/scholarship).