

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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Application for Scholarship Award for academic year 20____ thru 20____

Case No: _____
(Office Use Only)

(Mrs., Ms., Miss, Mr.) _____
-Circle One- Full Legal Name

Tele. Number: _____

Student Address: _____
Number Street
City Zip County

High School(s) Attended: _____

Name of School City Years Attended

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Date of Graduation: _____ Intended Major: _____

College Choice: _____

If enrolled, College student I.D. number: _____

Father: _____ Occupation: _____
Name

Mother: _____ Occupation: _____
Name

State any other Lodge where you have turned this application in this year: _____

Signature: _____
Student

Dated: _____

Signature: _____
Parent, Guardian, or Spouse

Dated: _____

Please note that should you be awarded a scholarship grant, you may be contacted by a Foundation representative for media purposes.

Student Name: _____

SCHOLASTIC (High School)

Academic Honors and Awards (State Year and Nature of): _____

Member of *Academic* Organization (State name of organization, year, & if position held): _____

Elective courses taken (State name of class & year, i.e.: Band 2, 3; Choir 2-4; Art 1): _____

Courses I like the most (give short explanation & any successes): _____

Courses I disliked the most (give short explanation & any successes): _____

Faculty Member who made the most impression on me and why: _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR (School Related)

Honors and Awards (State year and nature of): _____

Offices and positions of Leadership (State name of group, position, year): _____

Member of Organization where *no office* was held (State name of group, year, i.e.: Drama 2, 3. Please state only major activities): _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR (Non-School Related)

Honors and Awards (State year and nature of): _____

Offices and positions of Leadership (State name of group/organization, position, year): _____

Member of Organization (State name of organization, year, such as: Scouts, DeMolay, Jobs, Rainbow, 4H, Junior Achievement, Etc. –state only major activities): _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION
APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE TO HAVE ANY MASONIC AFFILIATION

1. Applicant must be a high school senior or an undergraduate college student who plans to attend full-time at an accredited college, university, trade or vocational school, and must reside in Michigan and be a citizen of the United States of America.
2. Applicant must use the official Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation form. This form must be signed and dated by the student, his or her parent or guardian, and the Lodge Secretary and Worshipful Master. The application must have the endorsement of a Masonic Lodge in Michigan.
3. Letter and statements must be originals on one side of a sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 paper, dated and signed by the author.
4. Applicant must include an official high school transcript, certified by the school that includes the student's academic record from the beginning of the 9th grade to the most recent marking period. College students must send a copy of their most recent grades along with their current GPA. These may be photocopied.
5. ACT or SAT test scores must be included, and these may be photocopies.
6. The materials **MUST** be arranged in the order described below:

- Application for Scholarship

Carefully plan a response to each item before typing final draft. Use 1 for the freshman year of school and number the subsequent years 2, 3, and 4, to identify the appropriate scholastic extracurricular and civic activity. Secure all required dates.

- Statement of Goals

The applicant shall prepare a statement 250 to 300 words in length setting forth his/her vocational or professional goals and relate how past, present and future activities make the accomplishment of these goals probable. The applicant, by deed and circumstances, must demonstrate his/her worthiness. Excess verbiage will detract from the statement. The additional criteria by which applications will be judged are scholarship and leadership in school and non-school related activities (i.e., church, scouts, youth organizations.)

- Letters of Recommendation

Current letters of recommendation are required from at least two, but not more than three, persons in authority from the school last attended by the applicant. The letters must be on official school letterhead, signed and dated by the author and include the title of the writer. The letters may cover the applicant's ability, work habits, leadership, personality and integrity.

- Letters of Endorsement

Current letters of endorsement are required from two responsible non-school persons. These persons shall not be related to the applicant and should be capable of reporting the applicant's participation in non-school activities in terms of work, service, leadership, notable skills and outstanding recognition. It would be helpful to note how the writer came to know the applicant.

7. After completing the application, make a photocopy for your records.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The decision to grant or deny an award by the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation is final. All application materials remain the property of the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation and will not be returned. The applications need to be in the office by March 31st.

Eligibility and Criteria for Evaluation
This information is for the use of the LODGE only

Scholarship awards are for full time, undergraduate studies only.

Any high school senior or undergraduate college student, who is a citizen of the United States of America and domiciled within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, may apply. This application must be filed with the Lodge Scholarship Chairman or Worshipful Master of the Lodge having jurisdiction in the area in which the student is domiciled, on or before January 1st of each year.

Scholarship and leadership, as demonstrated in school activities or outside school (i.e., church, scouts, youth organizations), and a statement of 250-300 words of vocational/professional goals as outlined in the "Instructions for Completing Application," are the criteria by which applications will be judged. Only students of merit, who show an appreciation of the value of an education and who are willing to work to achieve success, have a chance to be approved for one of the scholarship awards.

All scholarship awards are in the form of "Certificates of Award" issued by the Lodge, conditioned upon the enrollment of the student full time in undergraduate courses in an accredited American college, university, trade or vocational school. A lodge check for the amount of the award will be forwarded to the educational institution to establish a credit for the student.

Unexpended credit is subject to withdrawal if the conduct of the student is contrary to the principles of law and order and/or morality as supported by the Masonic Fraternity.

Procedure

1. If a lodge desires to participate in the scholarship program, students must be aware of it. Consulting a High School counselors knowledge and involvement can be helpful.
2. Provide two current applications and instruction sheet to students interested in being considered. Forms available through the Grand Lodge office or the Charitable Foundation Website: <http://michiganmasonsfoundation.org/>
3. Three or more Lodge members should evaluate applications and determine who the recipient(s) will be. The committee chairman will present the selected application(s) to the Lodge.
4. Information in Item 3 will again be presented to the Lodge for a favorable vote. This having been obtained, the Lodge will determine the amount the Lodge will contribute toward the award. The foundation may, on its approval, match this amount up to a stated maximum. The amount contributed by the lodge MUST be written in the space provided on the last page of the application.
5. The lodge endorsement must be appropriately signed and dated before the application is submitted to the Grand Lodge office. (The Lodge Seal is NOT required)
6. It is the responsibility of the Lodge Scholarship Committee to make a thorough check and be sure that all required information is included and legible before submission.
7. The LAST PAGE must be submitted to the Grand Lodge office no later than March 31st in each year for consideration for the following school year. Upon receipt the Lodge will be notified of its receipt.
8. If the application submitted by your lodge is approved, you will be informed in writing by the Grand Lodge office no later than June 1st in each year. If the scholarship is denied, your lodge will likewise be notified by the Grand Lodge office.

CHANGE: The Grand Lodge office no longer will require the submission of the application. Only the LAST PAGE, specifically identified is required. Further, the Grand Lodge office does not require the social security number and any applications which have this are obsolete and should be destroyed. Further, the Grand Lodge office does not require any of the supporting ACT or SAT documents, letters of endorsement or recommendation. Just the LAST PAGE is required. If we have questions, we will contact the Lodge Secretary, so make sure he is aware of, and has in his possession all necessary information. If you have any questions please contact the Grand Lodge office.