

Education and ESTARL Committee
GRAND CHAPTER OF RHODE ISLAND
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

January 2011

Dear Student:

Enclosed is the application you requested for the Order of the Eastern Star Education Scholarship. Also enclosed is a copy of the regulations governing this scholarship. Please read and comply with the regulations as written. Be sure to fill in each item. Please be sure to sign the application and pay particular attention to the **June 15th deadline.**

The Committee will make or consider no exceptions with respect to applicants who do not comply with all of our regulations. It is not fair to those who do follow the instructions. Email submissions will not be considered. **ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.**

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail by mid-July and are invited to attend an awards ceremony wherein they will receive their scholarships. This year the ceremony will be held on August 7, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island. We sincerely hope that any recipients and their family and friends will attend.

Please return the application with all supporting data to the address below before the June 15th deadline, and I assure you that the Committee will give it thorough consideration.

Fraternally,

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Enclosures:

- (1) Regulations for Education Scholarships
- (2) Education Application
- (3) Essay prompt

**GRAND CHAPTER OF RHODE ISLAND
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EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS AND APPLICATION--2011**

Education Scholarship assistance can be given to applicants who have a State of Rhode Island Eastern Star or Masonic relationship, or those who were or are a member in good standing of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the Order of DeMolay in Rhode Island. Only applicants with a GPA of 2.25 or higher will be considered for a scholarship.

Applicants for FIRST TIME Education scholarship, regardless of year attending, must have the following attachments:

1. One signed letter of recommendation attesting to the Masonic, Eastern Star, Rainbow, or DeMolay affiliation. Please include Eastern Star Chapter/Masonic Lodge/Rainbow Assembly/DeMolay Chapter name and number.
2. One signed letter of recommendation from an instructor at the college/university/vocational school attending. The letter must include the name of the institution and be **written on official letterhead**.
3. One signed letter of recommendation from a person of the applicant's choice.
4. An unofficial transcript of grades or a copy of the most recent semester report, if attending a two year college, must be filed with the committee on or before the June 15th deadline.
5. A typed, double-spaced essay responding to the prompt given (see attached).

If you have been denied a scholarship in the past and are reapplying, you must apply as a first time applicant.

Recipients of previous Education scholarships require the following:

1. Completed Application
2. An unofficial transcript of grades or a copy of the most recent semester report, if attending a two year college, must be filed with the committee on or before the June 15th deadline.
3. A typed, double-spaced essay responding to the prompt given (see attached).

Scholarship applicants must have completed their freshman year in a four/five year program or the first semester in a two year program to be considered for a scholarship. Each applicant is required to give the detailed information requested on the application with proper signatures attached. When completed, the applicant must forward the application to the Educational Committee of the Grand Chapter at the address provided on the cover letter.

All applications with all supporting documentation **must be received on or before June 15th** to be considered. Email applications are **not** acceptable.

The committee reserves full right of decision on scholarship qualifications based on scholastic performance, need of financial assistance, and other pertinent information provided by the student. Awards may be variable in an amount determined by the Education and ESTARL Committee on the basis of fund availability, number of applicants, academic performance, and financial need of the individual. Personal interviews may be required at the discretion of the Committee. Awards, when granted, will be paid directly to the applicant to be used for books, tuition, board, medical aid, or other school related expenses.

The Order of the Eastern Star does not discriminate in the administration of granting these awards on the basis of age, gender race, color, national or ethnic origin, or religious belief. The data and correspondence relating to scholarship applications and their consideration, favorable or unfavorable, is strictly confidential and will be so regarded by all concerned.

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SECONDARY EDUCATION

1. High School: _____ Location: _____ Graduating Year: _____
2. Course of Study: _____ Rank in Class: _____ No. in Class: _____
3. Awards, extra curricula activities: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

1. Name of college presently attending: _____ Location: _____
2. Are you applying for assistance for your __Sophomore __ Junior __Senior year __Fifth Year (in 5 year program)?
3. Course Major _____ 4. Intended occupation or profession _____
5. Name of college attending in the fall if **different from one presently attending**: _____
Location: _____ Reason for change: _____

CHURCH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

COLLEGE EXPENSES, ESTIMATED INCOME AND SOURCES OF INCOME

<u>College Expenses</u>		<u>Sources of Income</u>	
1. Estimated Tuition	\$ _____	1. Personal Savings	\$ _____
2. Room and Board	\$ _____	2. Applicant's Total Income	\$ _____
3. Books and Supplies	\$ _____	3. Parents/Spouse/Partner Financial Assistance	\$ _____
4. Other	\$ _____	4. Student Loans, this year	\$ _____
		5. Other Scholarships, this year	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	6. RI State Grants	\$ _____
		7. Federal/Other Grants	\$ _____
		TOTAL:	\$ _____

- A. Explain any unusual anticipated expenses (College or Personal): _____
B. Total amount of Student Loans incurred to date: _____
C. List names of other scholarships anticipated and amounts: _____
D. Give any other information that may be pertinent to the Committee in determining your needs for scholarship assistance. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.) _____
E. How would a scholarship make a difference in meeting your educational goals? (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.) _____

PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION IS SIGNED WHERE REQUIRED, REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AS LISTED ON THE REGULATIONS SHEET IS INCLUDED, AND APPLICATION ARE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15.

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DIRECTIONS:

1. On a separate sheet of paper, write a 400-500 word essay on the following subsequent prompt.
2. Essay must be typed, double-spaced.
3. **DO NOT** include your name or other personal information on the essay.

ESSAY PROMPT

What do you consider to be the single most important societal concern? Why?