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## COLORADO MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND ASSOCIATION

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### FACT SHEET FOR APPLICANTS OF COLORADO MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP

**PURPOSE:** These scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance to deserving students. They are not intended to cover all expenses. In your planning, you should not assume that a scholarship has been awarded until you are officially notified by the scholarship administrator or the scholarship committee. We expect decisions to be made and notifications to be sent out late in May 2018. After acceptances are received, recipients will be posted on the web-site.

**AWARD:** Award amounts are not determined by the Board until at least February 2018. In the past, we have awarded scholarships up to \$7,000 per year, and are renewable for up to 4 years. These scholarships are intended to assist in obtaining an undergraduate degree from a university or college, or training in other accredited schools of higher education within the State of Colorado. Scholarships are awarded without reference to race, religion, sex, national origin or Masonic relationship.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

1. You must be a graduating Colorado Public High School Senior.
2. You must be a citizen of the United States of America.
3. You must attend an institution of higher education within the State of Colorado.
4. Completed applications must be **submitted by March 15, 2018** to be considered.

#### CHECKLIST: (Please arrange your application packet in this order.)

1. Complete all four pages of the application form. It must be signed by both applicant and parent/guardian.
2. Write a personal letter which includes the following topics:
  - a. Your goals and objectives for the future.
  - b. Why you require financial assistance.
  - c. Why you feel you should be selected for our scholarship.
3. A grade transcript covering your entire high school career, including your GPA and class rank.
4. A letter of acceptance from the university, college or institution of higher learning listed on the application.
5. A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
6. Four letters of recommendation. (Letters should be from personal acquaintances, employers, clergy, or teachers, preferably who have known you or your family over a period of time. It is best not to have all the letters from teachers. Letters will be reviewed by the Lodge interview committee.

7. You must arrange for a personal interview with members of the Masonic Lodge assigned to your high school. There is a list of Lodges and contact information on our website at: [www.cmbfa.org](http://www.cmbfa.org). You should make contact with the Lodge as soon as possible, as interview dates may be preselected by the Lodge. Your application and all required documents must be available for review at your interview. The Lodge will send an interview letter to the selection committee separately.
8. Following the interview, please submit your complete application and required documents to:

Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association

Scholarship Administrator

PO Box 703

Westminster, CO 80036-0703

The completed application form with all accompanying materials must be submitted together in order **no later than March 15, 2018** to be considered. Please do not submit any photographs. Any photographs received will be destroyed before the application is submitted to the selection committee.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Applicants will be advised if they were selected or not. Notices will normally be by email. Selections are not usually completed until mid to late May.

All scholarship money will be paid through and managed by the Student Aid Office of the university, college, or other school of higher education.

Your application packet will not be returned to you; in the event that you are not a selected recipient, all documents are destroyed at the end of our committee's selection process.

Please refer any questions regarding the preparation of the application material to your high school counselor, or feel free to contact our office. Our preferred contact method is by e-mail at [education@cmbfa.org](mailto:education@cmbfa.org), or you can contact via the information on the letterhead.

**APPLICATION FOR A COLORADO MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND  
SCHOLARSHIP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City

COLORADO \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
State Zip Telephone No. Cell Phone No.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution of Higher Education you plan to attend  
\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Current High School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Years</u>
_____	_____	_____

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Standing \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Have you earned anything by your own efforts in the past two years?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

State ways of earning and how much  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Name and No. of Local Masonic Lodge Contacted	Date of Interview	Signature of Interviewer

Text

Other children in family - names and ages:

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School activities including offices held, membership in civic and church organizations and participation in any other activities you feel are important. Indicate number of years in each activity. (Attach additional sheets if needed)

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Other Scholarships/Grants/Financial Aid you have received. (what, where and amount received)

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Did you submit a FAFSA application? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ (Complete FAFSA is required to be submitted with application)

**Total anticipated resources for your freshman year**

From your family \$ \_\_\_\_\_

From your personal savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**From earnings during your College year**

Loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Work Study Programs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other scholarships (listed above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grants (listed above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL RESOURCES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I hereby certify that, if I am awarded a scholarship:

1. I need this scholarship money to continue my education.
2. I will use the scholarship money only for the payment of legitimate educational expenses at the school in which I am enrolled.
3. I agree to keep the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association advised of the current address and phone number of my residence during the school year and a permanent address, phone number, and email for contact.
4. I agree to make the necessary arrangements for the registrar at the institution I attend to send a copy of my transcript to the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association at the end of each quarter or semester.
5. I agree to inform the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association of any financial assistance I may receive which is not listed on this application.

I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted is true and correct, and I fully understand my obligations as stated herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

STATEMENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the foregoing application and hereby state that it is with my knowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Scholarship to further his/her education at \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

**(Please arrange your packet in this order)**

1. Complete all **four pages** of the application form.
2. Write a personal letter including the following:
  - a. Your goals and objectives for the future;
  - b. Why you require financial assistance; and,
  - c. Why you feel you should be selected.
3. A grade transcript covering your entire high school career, including GPA and class rank.
4. A letter of acceptance from the university, college, or other institution of higher learning listed on the application.
5. A copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR).
6. Four (4) Letters of Recommendation should accompany the application. Letters should be from personal acquaintances, employers, clergy or teachers. It is best not to have all the letters from teachers. They should be from people who have known your family over a period of time. Letters need not be in separate envelopes.
7. You must arrange for a personal interview with one of the members of the Masonic Lodge that sponsor's your high school, as listed on our website at [cmbfa.org](http://cmbfa.org). Please make contact with your Lodge as soon as possible, as interview dates may be preselected but the Lodge. Lodge contact information can be found on our website, [www.cmbfa.org](http://www.cmbfa.org). You should complete checklist items 1 thru 6 prior to the interview and have them available at the interview.

Following the interview, the complete application form with all accompanying materials must be submitted together, in order, no later than March 15, 2018 to be considered. The complete packet should be mailed to:

CMBFA Scholarship Administrator

PO Box 703

Westminster, CO 80036-0703

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