

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTIONS

Brethren,

Please note that the scholarship application and criteria have changed from prior years. The application now requires inclusion of the FAFSA information as well as a place for extenuating circumstances. Also, the deadline has been set as March 31.

A lot of schools are still using the old scholarship form from years past. The application has changed to the point that using the old form may cause an applicant to miss the deadline or have the application rejected due to incomplete information.

Please designate someone in your lodge to deliver a copy of the new application to high schools in your area and advise the counseling staff to discard any old applications. This personal touch from your lodge may be the first contact you have had with the schools in your area. Who knows, it may lead to a creating a partnership opportunity or MOCHIP referral. As always, the scholarship can be accessed on the Grand Lodge website.

Thank you,

The Scholarship Committee

CRITERIA FOR ALL MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).
2. ACT, SAT-or equivalent-test score. (Scores considered 18-36)
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities.
4. Financial Need.
5. Graduates of one of Missouri's Public High Schools, Private High Schools or Students of the Accredited Home School Program.
6. Conditioned on enrollment as a full time student (12 hours credit per semester or term) at an accredited college or university in the United States.
7. Selection is made without regard to race, creed, sex or country of origin.

CRITERIA FOR CONTINUING ALL MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Must provide a **current official college transcript** showing a cumulative 3.0, or higher, grade point average. However, the Board retains the option to review each application on a case by case basis.
2. Conditioned on enrollment as a full time student (12 hours credit per semester or term) at an accredited college or university in the United States.
3. These scholarships are for a limit of 4 consecutive years.
4. Must be in residence (this means **Study Abroad Programs are not accepted**).
5. Student must contact the Grand Lodge Office with **any address changes**.
6. Student must contact the Grand Lodge Office if he/she transfers to another college. (This information is imperative as it may affect the Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

OFFERED BY

THE MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF MISSOURI, INC.

Please consider this application for the following scholarships:

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Samuel Smith Stewart Scholarship

Masonic Merit Scholarship

Ruth Lutes Bachmann Scholarship

(LUTES BACHMANN FOR QUALIFIED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO ENABLE THEM TO BECOME NURSES OR SCHOOL TEACHERS)

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION:

1. High School transcript (including test scores such as SAT, ACT, etc.) and, if you are now enrolled in college, a transcript of your college record through the most recently completed semester, quarter or similar term.
2. A typed statement of 300 to 500 words stating why you are applying for this scholarship.
3. A list of prior school activities, awards, offices held, and honors (high school and college). This must be separate from your essay.
4. A list of all community and volunteer activities within the community. This must be separate from your essay.
5. A short list of any extenuating circumstances you may have. This must be separate from your essay.
6. A list of newspaper publications to which you would like to have a news release sent if you are selected for a scholarship. Please include address, telephone number, FAX, and email.
7. A copy of your EFC page from the FAFSA form. www.fafsa.ed.gov.

APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2017

Mail to: Grand Lodge Office, 6033 Masonic Drive, Suite B, Columbia, MO 65202

1. The issuance of any scholarship is conditioned on enrollment as a full time student (taking at least 12 hours credit per semester or term leading to a degree) at an accredited college or university located in the United States.
2. Selection of scholarship recipients will be based on scholastic performance, aptitude and financial need.

Name of Applicant: _____
Home Address: _____
(Street City State - Zip)
County of home address: _____ Home Telephone No. _____
Number of years at this address: _____ Social Security Number: _____
Date of birth: _____
Name & Address of father: _____
Name & Address of mother: _____
Applicant's Current Employer: _____
Position: _____ Monthly Salary/Wages: \$ _____

Educational Information

Name of high school from which you will graduate: _____
Address of high school: _____
(Street City State - Zip)
Month and year of graduation from high school: _____ Telephone: _____
Grade Point Average: _____ on a _____ scale
Number of earned hours of credit at graduation: _____
[NOTE: A copy of your EFC page and transcript, including test scores (such as ACT, SAT, etc.) must accompany this application]
College you will attend for fall term: _____
Address of college: _____
(Street City State - Zip)
Telephone number of Financial Aid Office: _____
Your anticipated declared major: _____

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1. Expenses:

\$ _____

Itemize anticipated school expenses (tuition, housing, etc.	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

2. Extenuating Circumstances:

-Please list any extenuating circumstances you wish to be considered with your application.

(Signature of Applicant) _____ (Date submitted) _____