

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

January 2018

Dear Student:

Enclosed is the application you requested for the Order of the Eastern Star Education Scholarship. The regulations governing this scholarship are included in this letter. Please read and comply with the regulations as written. Be sure to fill in each applicable item, to sign the application, and to pay particular attention to the **midnight of May 25th deadline**.

The Committee will neither make nor consider 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. **ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.**

Scholarship recipients will be notified and invited to attend an awards ceremony where they will receive their scholarships. This year the ceremony will be held on June 15th, 2018, at the Scholarship Gala to be held at the Imperial Room, Cranston, RI. Further information on the gala will be included in the scholarship notification letter. We sincerely hope that recipients and their family and friends will attend.

Please return the application with all supporting data to either address below before the **midnight, May 25th deadline**, and I assure you that the Committee will give it thorough consideration.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Section 1. The Order of the Eastern Star does not discriminate in the administration of granting these Awards on the basis of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, or religious belief.

Section 3. General Education Scholarship

Scholarship assistance can be given to applicants who have a State of Rhode Island Masonic or Eastern Star relationship, or those who were or are a member of Rainbow or DeMolay in good standing in the State of Rhode Island.

Applicants must have completed their freshmen year in a four-year institution or the first semester in a two-year institution before making application. Only applicants with a GPA of 2.5 or higher will be considered for a scholarship.

Applications for the first year must be accompanied by a minimum of three (3) letters of

recommendation: one (1) attesting to the Masonic, Eastern Star, Rainbow, or DeMolay affiliation; one (1) from one of the applicant's instructors at the school attending or attended prior, written on official letterhead which includes the name of the Institution; and one (1) of the applicant's choice. An unofficial transcript of grades or a copy of the most recent semester report of the applicant must also be filed with the Committee the deadline determined by the committee to best fit the timeframe in regards to the date of the Scholarship Gala for scholarships payable in time for the fall term.

All applicants must include a copy of their tuition bill issued by the bursar of the Institution of higher learning as proof of need.

Only completed applications that include all supporting documents received by midnight on the deadline will be considered. Emailed applications are encouraged but not required and can be emailed to RIGCOESSCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM. Please use the address below for snail mail purposes.

Fraternally,

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Enclosures:

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