

**GRAND CHAPTER OF RHODE ISLAND
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS AND APPLICATION 2018**

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

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. Post-graduate students must complete a General Education Scholarship application and fulfill all requirements as set forth in the General Education Scholarship Rules and Regulations. 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 Education Committee of the Grand Chapter at the address provided on the cover letter.

Only applicants with a **GPA of 2.50 or higher** will be considered for a scholarship.

All applications with all supporting documentation must be received on or before midnight, May 25, 2018, to be considered. Email applications are encouraged but not required.

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 May 25th 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 May 25th deadline.
3. A typed, double-spaced essay responding to the prompt given (see attached).

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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. Awards,

when granted, will be paid directly to the applicant to be used for books, tuition, board, 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.

The requirements of this application must be completed in their entirety and submitted to the Education and ESTARL Committee along with all attachments as listed in the regulations. The application must be **RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, MAY 25, 2018.** The name and address of the Education and ESTARL Committee contact person is given on the cover letter. Please type or print all information. **Be sure to sign the application.**

The following questions will be answered truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I shall use whatever grant I receive in the best interest of my continuing education.

Signature of applicant

Date

PLEASE SIGN BESIDE THE STATEMENT THAT APPLIES TO YOUR SITUATION.

- _____ 1. The financial information given on this application is for me as I am self-supporting and will receive no financial assistance from my parents or spouse/partner. **Complete items 1-5 in personal data.**
- _____ 2. The financial information given on this application is for me and that of my parents from whom I will receive financial assistance for my education. PLEASE NOTE: **This statement requires all parental information as requested further on in this application. Failure to do so will cause the application to be denied. Complete items 1-9 in personal data.**
- _____ 3. The financial information given on this application is for me and that of my spouse/partner from whom I will receive financial assistance for my education. **Complete items 1-5, 9, and 10 in personal data.**

Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____

ESTARL APPLICANTS NEED NOT COMPLETE * QUESTIONS

*Are you a member of the Order of the Eastern Star or a Masonic Lodge? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, Name of Chapter or Lodge and Number: _____

Address of Chapter or Lodge: _____

Offices held: _____

*Are you or have you been a member in good standing of Rainbow or DeMolay? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, the Name of Assembly or Chapter and Number _____

Address of Assembly or Chapter _____

Offices held: _____

*If you are not a member of Eastern Star, a Masonic Lodge, Rainbow, or DeMolay, list your relationship to the sponsoring member (i.e. son/daughter/granddaughter, etc.): _____

*Give your sponsor's name, Chapter/Lodge and Number: _____

PERSONAL DATA

1. Date of Birth: _____

2. Marital Status: _____ Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widow(er)

3. How many dependent children do you have? Number: _____ Ages: _____
(Skip if not applicable)

4. Have you previously been awarded a Rhode Island Eastern Star Scholarship? _____ Yes _____ No

5. Have you applied for, but did not receive a Rhode Island Eastern Star Scholarship? _____ Yes _____ No

6. Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Salary: _____

7. Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Salary: _____

8. Number of sisters and brothers: _____ Ages: _____

9. Number of dependents on parent's or your income: _____ Explain any unusual family circumstances:

10. Spouse's/Partner's name: _____ Occupation: _____

Salary: _____

SECONDARY EDUCATION (if completed within the last five years)

High School: _____ Location: _____

Graduating Year: _____ Course of Study: _____

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) Graduate School _____

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. Transportation	\$ _____	4. Student Loans, this year	\$ _____
5. Other	\$ _____	5. Other Scholarships, this year	\$ _____
		6. RI State Grants	\$ _____
		7. Federal/Other Grants	\$ _____
TOTAL:	\$ _____	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.)

PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION IS SIGNED WHERE REQUIRED, ALL DOCUMENTATION AS LISTED ON THE REGULATIONS SHEET IS INCLUDED, AND THAT THE APPLICATION WILL BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MIDNIGHT, MAY 25, 2018.

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DIRECTIONS:

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

ESSAY PROMPT

IF YOU HAD THE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE YOUR COMMUNITY IN A POSTIVE WAY WHAT SPECIFIC CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE? HOW WOULD YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION HELP YOU TO DO THAT?