

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 Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) 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, 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 wherein they will receive their scholarships. This year the ceremony will be held at the Scholarship Gala on June 15th, 2018, at the Imperial Room, Cranston, RI. Further information about the gala will be included with the award 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.** I assure you that the Committee will give it thorough consideration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ESTARL 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 2. Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership

The awards are to be made to applicants preparing for leadership in various fields of religious service, such as:

- Ministers
- Missionaries
- Directors of Church Music
- Directors of Religious Education
- Counselors of Youth Leadership

An applicant for scholarship assistance need not be of Masonic or Eastern Star relationship.

However, preference may be given to applicants who have a Masonic or Eastern Star relationship, or those who have held Rainbow or DeMolay membership.

Applications for the first year must be accompanied by a minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation: one (1) letter of recommendation from any of the following areas: Ministers, Church Leaders, an official endorsement of the religious group in the organized body in which the applicant wishes to serve or from the accredited school in which the applicant is currently enrolled; one (1) from one of the applicant's instructors at the school attending or attended prior; and one (1) of the applicant's choice. A transcript of grades or a copy of the most recent semester report of the applicant must also be filed with the Committee before 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.

That no ESTARL Scholarship be granted a first-year college student unless she or he has been accepted by a Theological or Missionary Training School.

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.

Fraternally,

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Enclosures:

- (1) Cover letter with regulations for ESTARL Scholarships
- (2) ESTARL Application
- (3) Essay prompt