

**GRAND CHAPTER OF RHODE ISLAND, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS 2025**

Enclosed are the regulations you requested governing the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) Scholarship. Please read and comply with the regulations as written. Be sure to fill in each application item, to sign the application, and to pay particular attention to the **midnight, June 15, 2025, deadline.**

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.

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

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, or 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 Girls or DeMolay membership.

**All** applicants for ESTARL Scholarships must have the following attachments:

- (1) Completed application form
- (2) An unofficial transcript of grades or a copy of the most recent semester report
- (3) A typed, double-spaced essay responding to the prompt given
- (4) A copy of the tuition bill issued by the bursar of the college/university/vocational school attending

**First time applicants only must provide three (3) recommendation letters in addition to the above required documentation.** The recommendation letters must include: (1) one from ministers, church leaders, or 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; (2) one 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; (3) one of the applicant's choice.

No ESTARL Scholarship will be granted to a first-year college student unless she or he has been accepted by a Theological or Missionary Training School. Awards, when granted, will be paid directly to the applicant to be used for school related expenses.

Only completed applications that include all supporting documents received by **midnight, June 15, 2025**, will be considered. Emailed applications are encouraged but not required and can be emailed to [newmank58@gmail.com](mailto:newmank58@gmail.com). Please use the address below for snail mail. For any questions, please use the above email or contact the following via telephone.

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