

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

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 an Education Scholarship application and fulfill all requirements as set forth in the Educational Scholarship Regulations 2025. 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 below.

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, June 15, 2025**, to be considered. Email applications are encouraged but not required.

Applicants for Education Scholarships, regardless of year attending, 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 attesting to the Masonic, Eastern Star, Rainbow, or DeMolay affiliation; (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.

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.

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. 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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