

**GRAND CHAPTER OF RHODE ISLAND
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
EDUCATIONAL/ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025**

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 FIRST-TIME Education/ESTARL Scholarship, regardless of year attending, must have the following attachments:

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 June 15 deadline.
3. A typed, double-spaced essay responding to the prompt given (see attached).
4. A copy of the tuition bill issued by the bursar of the Institution of higher learning as proof of need.

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/ESTARL Scholarships require the following:

1. Completed Application
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3. A typed, double-spaced essay responding to the prompt given (see attached).
4. A copy of the tuition bill issued by the bursar of the Institution of higher learning as proof of need.

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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 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, June 15, 2025**. 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

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

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

SECONDARY EDUCATION (if completed within the last five years)

1. High School: _____ Location: _____ Graduating Year: _____

2. Course of Study: _____

3. Awards, extracurricular 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

College Expenses

1. Estimated Tuition \$ _____

2. Room and Board \$ _____

Sources of Income

1. Personal Savings \$ _____

2. Applicant's Total Income \$ _____

3. Books and Supplies \$ _____
4. Transportation \$ _____
5. Other \$ _____

3. Parents/Spouse/Partner Financial Assistance \$ _____
4. Student Loans, this year \$ _____
5. Other Scholarships, this year \$ _____

6. RI State Grants \$ _____
7. Federal/Other Grants \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

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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, June 15, 2025.

BELOW FIND THE ESSAY PROMPT AND DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS:

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

ESSAY PROMPT

Discuss a personal or academic challenge you have overcome and how it has shaped you.