

PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Provided by Newport Lodge #118 of MN Masons &
Queen Esther Chapter #26 Order of the Eastern Star

The Masons of Newport Masonic Lodge #118 and Queen Esther Chapter #26 Order of the Eastern Star, located in St. Paul Park, award scholarships to high school seniors who will graduate this academic year from a public or private high school within the state of Minnesota.

Purpose of the Scholarship

In sponsoring and funding these scholarships, the Masons of Minnesota affirm their faith in education and their devotion to public and private schools teaching all of the children of all of the people. It is our hope that through these scholarships, we can assist graduating seniors in achieving their full potential through post-secondary education and preparing for their professional contributions to our communities.

Eligibility

Applicants must be high school seniors pursuing a post-secondary education in any state, at an institution, that provides a two-year or four-year college program or vocational training. Scholarships may be used for any school related expenses such as tuition, fees, and books. Applicants need not have a relationship to any member of the Masonic Fraternity or Order of the Eastern Star, nor do race, creed, religion, gender, or national origin have any bearing in the selection process.

Selection Process

The Scholarship Committee is looking for students who have demonstrated service to school and community with an emphasis on leadership roles and service to humanity. Ideal applicants are students who exhibit the greatest potential to be not only of service to their communities in the future, but also leaders in these communities. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance are also carefully considered along with the **Statement of Purpose** and **Letter of Recommendation**. The organization, appearance and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

High School Principals and Counselors

Public and private high school seniors who feel they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection may request a scholarship application through the counseling department of their school.

Each school may submit up to 2% of the senior student population, not to exceed ten (10) applications. Invite members of your staff to select nominees based on eligibility and guidelines indicated. All data requested in this application must be included for the nominee to be considered.

Applications and all supporting documentation **must be postmarked by May 10th of the current year** and sent to the following address to be considered by the Committee.

Newport Masonic Lodge #118
Scholarship Selection Committee
PO Box 186
St. Paul Park, MN 55071

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To the Applicant:

Before completing this application, review the criteria for eligibility and selection. Since members of the Scholarship Selection Committee have not met you and have only this application by which to evaluate you, carefully consider the content and completeness of your responses to the best of your ability.

If desired, supporting documentation can be attached. This may include copies of newspaper clippings, photos or other materials that give the Committee a better insight about you and/or your community activities. Please make copies as materials will not be returned.

(Please print clearly in ink or type)

Applicant Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Home Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Email Address	Date of Birth	Phone Number
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Grade Point Average	Rank in Class	Number in Class	Graduation Date
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ACT Score (if taken)	Date Taken	SAT Score (if taken)	Date Taken
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Parent/Guardian Names	Address (if different than above)	Phone Number
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Do you have any Masonic or Order of the Easter Star affiliation? If yes, please list name and affiliation.

Name of High School

Phone Number

Address of High School

City

State

Zip Code

1)

2)

3)

List your three career preferences.

1)

2)

3)

List your three preferred post-secondary institutions (including any technical or vocational schools.)

List your participation in school, community, civic and volunteer service activities.

9th Grade

10th Grade

11th Grade

12th Grade

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List your most noteworthy achievements in music, speech, science, mathematics, sports, or other curriculum related areas.

List your employment history while in high school.

Place of Employment	Nature of Work	Dates Employed	Hrs Per Week
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List three non-related references including their name, email and phone number, and your relationship to each.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Printed Applicant Name (First/Middle/Last)

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Attach a duplicate copy of your official school transcript including progress grades for current enrollment, a guide for the grading system (if other than the typical A, B, C, D, F), and an explanation for any special courses. A photocopy is sufficient, but it must be signed by a school official.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Each applicant is REQUIRED to submit a **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE** (300 words or less) written by themselves. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS STATEMENT WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. Be sure to include your full name and address and the name and address of your high school at the top.

The Statement of Purpose is not an *essay contest*, but rather an opportunity for the Committee to get to know you. Write about yourself, your home, family, interests and your future educational or vocational plans, including ways you have served your community and any associated leadership roles that will help give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual. This statement may also include an explanation of the need for a scholarship as seen by you.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Provide a **Letter of Recommendation** (using 1-5 below as a guide) by a school official (teacher, counselor, club advisor or athletic coach) on official school stationery that is either attached to your application or forwarded under separate cover to the Committee at the address above postmarked by May 10th of the current year.

1. Character traits/personal attributes making the applicant a good candidate for the scholarship
2. Work attitudes, ethics, sense of purpose, degree of self-initiative demonstrated by the applicant
3. Leadership, loyalty, and citizenship the applicant has demonstrated in service to school/community
4. Any other relevant information that should be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee
5. Letter of Recommendation must include title of school official and their signature

SUMMARY

All requirements below must be met for the Scholarship Selection Committee to consider your application:

- All information in the application is legible and complete
- Application is signed and dated by the applicant
- Academic Transcript is attached
- Statement of Purpose is attached
- Letter of Recommendation is attached or will be sent under separate cover
- All requested information is postmarked by May 10th of the current year