

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., located at 813 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, will be awarding scholarships to a number of high school seniors who will graduate this academic year from a public high school within the state of Iowa. The exact dollar amount of each scholarship will depend upon the size of investment income from the Scholarship Endowment Fund. In 2016, sixty scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded.

The scholarships are designed to assist graduating seniors in pursuing a post-secondary education in any state at an accredited institution which provides a two or four year college program. The scholarships may be used for any bona fide school related expense such as tuition, fees, and books.

Applicants need not have a Masonic connection, nor do race, creed, religion, color, sex, or national origin have any bearing in the selection process. Recipients are selected after completing a comprehensive written application and an in-depth personal interview.

A broad-based criteria is used in the selection process. The principal criterion is service to school and community with special emphasis upon leadership roles in these areas. The Grand Lodge of Iowa is looking for those 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 as is an evaluation of the applicant by a school official. The organization, appearance, and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

From all the applications received, the Scholarship Selection Committee will select a number of finalists who will be asked to appear before the committee for a personal interview. These interviews will be conducted at a number of locations across the state. Upon completion of the interviews, the committee will then select those who will receive scholarships.

Public high school seniors who feel they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection are invited to submit applications. These applications may be obtained through the guidance department of any public high school and must be **postmarked no later than February 1, 2017 for the application and all supporting materials** in order to be considered by the committee.

Questions regarding applications and the scholarship program as well as completed applications should be directed to the:

Scholarship Selection Committee
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II. Academic Record:

Grade Point Average _____ Rank in Class _____ Number in Class _____
ACT Score (if taken) _____ Date Taken _____
SAT Score (if taken) _____ Date Taken _____
Date when above information was compiled _____

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a current, certified transcript of your credits by **February 1, 2017**. If this information is not postmarked by this date, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. If your school does not provide certified transcripts (signed by school official or embossed with official seal), until after graduation, the transcript must be sent directly by the school with a letter stating the school policy.

III. Personal Resumé:

You must complete this section in **your own handwriting**. Write about yourself, your home, family and interests, and your future educational or vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual. Do not include information requested in other sections of this application (two page maximum).

Date

Signature of Applicant

Please attach as many pages as needed to complete the following:

IV. Need for Financial Assistance:

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. Relate any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

V. School Activities:

List those high school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the symbols 9, 10, 11, 12. Then list any leadership positions you may have held in this activity and indicate the grade (9, 10, 11, 12) when the position was held. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities.

VI. Community Service:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community in particular. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. ***Silver Cord recipients, please list the activities that qualified you for the award.*** Indicate any leadership roles you may have had in this area. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

VII. Evaluation by School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher or Counselor):

Provide the following information, if known, about the applicant on official school stationery and either attach the letter to the application or forward it to the Committee under separate cover postmarked by **February 1, 2017**. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed.

1. Personal attributes.
2. Abilities, talents, and interests.
3. Scholarship, study habits, and probable success in college or vocational school.
4. Home and family.
5. Need for financial assistance.
6. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) which should be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee.