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ELKS 2018 Vocational Grants

The 2018 applications for Iowa Elks Association Vocational Grants are now available. There will twenty \$1500.00 grants awarded in Iowa this year for individuals pursuing a vocational training/education program. The competition is open to current high school seniors or any nontraditional student pursuing such a program at an accredited school.

A copy of the Application form is enclosed. Copies may be made as needed.

The deadline for applying March 9, 2018.

The application should be returned to:

John O'Connor

Elks Lodge 251

801 33rd Avenue Southwest

Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

If you have any questions please call 319-365-2366 and leave a message.

Respectfully,

John O'Connor

Elks Lodge 251

2018 Iowa Elks Association Vocational Grant

The Iowa Elks Association is pleased to offer twenty (20) \$1,500.00 Vocational Grants to individuals pursuing a vocational (2-year or less) training/education program. This competition is open to current high school seniors or any nontraditional student pursuing such a program at an accredited school. **These grants ARE NOT intended for students pursuing a 4-year course of study that will lead to a bachelor's degree. Applications received for persons ultimately pursuing a 4-year course of study will be disqualified from consideration.**

WHO MAY APPLY: Any prospective student (male or female), residing within the jurisdiction of a B.P.O. Elks Lodge belonging to the Iowa State Elks Association who plans to pursue an eligible education program above and supplemental to high school or preparatory school level, may file an application. All applicants must be citizens of the United States of America on the date the application is filed. This application must be filed with the Lodge Scholarship Chairman, Exalted Ruler, or Secretary of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge having jurisdiction in the area in which the student has legal residence, on or before March 9, 2018. **Only one** application may be filed and must be filed with the Lodge of Jurisdiction. No applicant may receive more than one (1) Iowa State Elks Association Grant in any one year.

A STUDENT MUST ENROLL IN A FULL TIME PROGRAM in an accredited institution of furthering education. This grant is to be used only during the 2018-2019 Academic year. A student may apply for a second year grant. No student may be awarded more than two (2) grants.

ALL GRANTS ARE IN THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF AWARD issued by the Iowa State Elks Association, conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an accredited institution of their chosen career path. Upon receipt of the "Student Enrollment Verification Form" completed by the proper school officials and affixed with the school's seal and student identification number, an Iowa State Elks Association check in the amount of the scholarship will be forwarded to the school to establish a credit for the student for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. *Payments may not be used to cover retroactive charges.*

THIS GRANT MAY BE USED FOR tuition and fees, room and board, (only if living on campus), and books and supplies. It may be used only for usual and required costs of the applicant's planned course study. This Grant **MAY NOT BE USED FOR** child-care costs, part-time study or correspondence courses. It may not be used for general living expenses, rent, mortgage payments, automobile expenses for use or maintenance of a car.

APPLICANTS ARE EVALUATED based on the information herein. Therefore, if, after being notified of a Grant, course of study and / or school attending change, the Grant may be withdrawn.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS will not be considered for assistance. It is imperative that all information be set forth, especially information as to your costs to attend your chosen course, so that we may evaluate your needs.

APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE NOT ENDORSED by an authorized Elks Lodge of the Iowa State Elks Association will not be considered for potential awards.

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAY 1st, 2018 as to whether or not they are to receive one of our Grants.

ALL APPLICATIONS become the property of the Iowa State Elks Association. After completing this application, make a photocopy for your own records should you wish one.

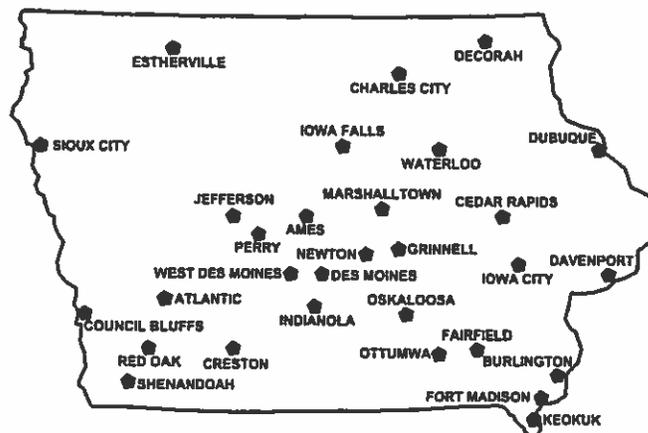
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS PREPARATION AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **Application:** Applicant must use the Official Iowa State Elks Association Form. Form must be completed, dated and signed by the applicant, parent or guardian (where applicable) and the Local Elks Lodge Official(s). The application must be returned to the sponsoring Lodge **BEFORE MARCH 9, 2018. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. Typewritten applications and statements are preferred (although not required) over handwritten submissions and must be signed in all instances. Handwritten submissions must be legible to be considered.
3. The cover page and instruction pages may be omitted. All other pages of the application are to be completed and returned.
4. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English or English translations.
5. Any letters must be originals, single sided, 8½ x 11 inches and *signed by the author*. Other documents may be photocopies.
6. Exhibits: Should be neat, concise and in chronological order. Letters of endorsement, etc. should be removed from envelope and bound flat allowing sufficient margin on left border for readability.
7. **Applications will not be returned**, so applicants should make a copy should they wish to have a copy of their application.
8. **Order of Exhibits:**
 - A. Application – completed in its entirety.
 - B. Applicant Statement - not more than 200 words setting forth his/her vocational or professional goal and relating how past, present and future activities make the accomplishment of this goal probable. The applicant by deed and circumstance must demonstrate his/her worthiness. **This letter must be signed and dated.**
 - C. Additional documentation may be included if the applicant believes it will help clarify information in the application. **TOTAL LENGTH OF APPLICATION SHOULD NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) PAGES**
 - D. Applications must be properly bound on the left side with hinges or staples in a standard binder or cover. Elaborate bindings are discouraged. Any applicant identification on the front cover is **NOT** necessary. Clear plastic or bulky covers are undesirable. **NO 3-RING BINDERS!**

Return completed application to your nearest Elks Lodge by March 9, 2018.



Iowa Elks Association Vocational Grant

Personal Information

Applicant Legal Name: _____
Street: _____ Applicant Phone Number: _____
City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
email: _____
Place of Birth _____ Birthdate (M/D/YYYY): _____
U.S. Citizen Yes No
(Applicant must be a U.S. citizen on date application is signed)
If not born an American citizen, indicate date and place of Naturalization:
Date (M/D/YYYY): _____ Place: _____ # _____

MUST HAVE THE ENDORSEMENT OF AN IOWA LODGE OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BE ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING.

The Scholarship Chairman or Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the Iowa B.P.O. Elks Lodge, in the jurisdiction where the applicant is a resident, must sign the Lodge endorsement certifying that he/she has reviewed the application. Applications should not be endorsed if they do not essentially conform to the requirements outlined herein. Applicant must use this Iowa State Elks Association Form.

Lodge Endorsement

This application, with attached exhibits, has been reviewed and conforms to the rules and regulations set forth by the Iowa State Elks Association.

Lodge Name _____ No _____
Signed _____ Title _____
This _____ day of _____, 2018.

DEADLINE DATE FOR ALL APPLICANTS IS MARCH 9th, 2018

LOCAL LODGE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMEN MUST SEND THEIR SELECT (TOP 4) APPLICATIONS TO THE IOWA STATE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 27th, 2018.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS, EXCLUSIONS OR EXEMPTIONS TO THE ABOVE DATES.

VOCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION – PAGE 2

Accredited College, Vocational School or Trade School planning to attend:

Name of School/College: _____

Have you been accepted? Yes No

Name of Course of Study: _____

How Long Does It Normally Take To Complete This Course of Study (in months)? _____

At the completion of this course, I will receive a:

Certificate Diploma Degree (Indicate Type) _____

Financial Need Worksheet:

Round amounts to nearest dollar

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| Tuition and Fees (Full course – NOT monthly) | \$ _____ |
| Books and Supplies | \$ _____ |
| Room and Board (if applicable – on campus housing ONLY) | \$ _____ |
| Travel..... | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL COSTS..... | \$ _____ |

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| Parents' Contribution | \$ _____ |
| Student's Contribution | \$ _____ |
| Other earnings | \$ _____ |
| School Work/Study or Employment | \$ _____ |
| Other Scholarships, Grants or Loans (details may be provided on separate sheet) | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME..... | \$ _____ |

AMT. NEEDED TO BALANCE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR COURSE (cost minus income) \$ _____

Explanation of Extenuating Financial Circumstances

If the applicant or parent/guardian has extenuating financial circumstances, please explain in 200 words or less on an attached piece of paper. Include any information that could better help the Scholarship Committee make a determination of your financial need.

VOCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION – PAGE 3

Letter Explaining Need for Financial Support

The applicant (or applicant's parents/legal guardians if applicant is a dependent) should include a letter of 200 words or less explaining extenuating financial conditions that make receiving an award necessary for the applicant and/or his or her family. *This letter should be dated and signed by the individual writing it.*

Letter of Application

The applicant must include a letter of 200 words or less explaining his or her reasons for wishing to pursue this educational goal. Included in this letter should be any related experience the applicant has obtained, contacts that the applicant has had with others actively engaged in this type of an activity and efforts that the applicant has made to become familiar with the requirements to enter this occupation and its potential for employment. *This letter should be dated and signed by the individual writing it.*

Additional Supporting Evidence

Additional copies of awards and pictorials applicable to the applicant's career path may be included if the applicant feels this additional information will help the scholarship committee in making their choice of scholarship recipients. This *could* include school transcripts, work evaluations, or letters of reference. (Any letters of reference must be originals, signed and dated.)

Photocopies of awards and pictorials are encouraged, since applications WILL NOT be returned to the applicant.

Please review the **Order of Exhibits** listed on the instruction sheet and follow the instructions fully.

Return completed application to your nearest Elks Lodge by Friday, March 9, 2018.