

Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship Form

This scholarship fund has been established in an effort to assist students who wish to further their education. The criteria have been carefully selected to reflect the principles of the Order of the Eastern Star. It is with great pride that the Order of the Eastern Star provides this Scholarship.

Purpose:

To provide Scholarships for qualifying Mercer County High School seniors who will attend an accredited vocational, two or four year college or university during the fall immediately following graduation.

Procedure for Presentation:

1. Scholarships may be awarded each spring and Certificate of Acceptance be presented at the Mercer County High School Awards Ceremony.
2. Formal presentation may be made during an Eastern Star meeting at the Aledo Masonic Hall, unless otherwise notified.

Criteria for Acceptance:

1. Scholarships will be limited to seniors of the current Mercer County High School graduating class.
2. Applicants must have demonstrated positive moral and ethical values in his or her life. Other valued factors include: character, attitude, community service and leadership.
3. Each Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship will be presented upon proof of enrollment in either a vocational, two or four year accredited college or university.
4. An Official Mercer County High School academic transcript must be submitted with the application.

5. Proof of financial need will be required: Include a copy of your Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) SAR report showing expected family contribution (EFC).
6. Remember to attach your one page profile/personal statement. Include the things you enjoy and the reasons for your choice of a career.
7. Share any unusual circumstances that will make it difficult for you to fund your education. (Use a separate sheet of paper.)
8. All applications must be submitted to the Counselor's Office on or before the First Day of April, of each year. (If the 1st day of April falls on a weekend, the application is due the next school attendance day).

Payment of the Scholarships:

The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient and not to the college, university or any other provider of educational services or materials. The money may be used for any educational expenses.

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(Please print or type as you complete all blanks)

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Number of Brothers or Sisters: _____

Number of immediate family members now in college: _____

What are your professional goals: _____

Planned course of study: _____

School you plan to attend: _____

Student's GPA: _____ Student's Class Rank: _____

Do you work: ___ Yes ___ No (If yes, how many hours per month?) _____

List extra-curricular activities and volunteer hours on a separate sheet.

Please enclose a copy of your transcript.

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**Please type and enclose a one page profile/personal statement about yourself.
Tell the things you enjoy and the reasons for your choice of a career.**

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List the schools you plan to attend

Cost (tuition, room and board)

List the main sources of finances for your schooling and their dollar amounts

Source of funds

Dollar Amounts

Student: _____

Parents: _____

Grants: _____

Scholarships: _____

Student Loans: _____

Parent Loans: _____

What is your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from the FAFSA? _____
(Please attach your EFC report from the FAFSA).