

**GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK**



2012 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
OFFICIAL RULES
DEADLINE
AND
APPLICATION**

Awards will be given to outstanding high school graduates who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree, to adults who are returning to school for retraining, and to students entering a trade school or other vocational training programs. Students must attend **full time** and are eligible to receive assistance a maximum of four (4) times.

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TO BE ELIGIBLE, THE STUDENT:

- Must be a child/grandchild or widow of a Master Mason or deceased Master Mason who is or was in good standing in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of the State of New York.
- Must obtain the signatures of Lodge Secretary, Master and Lodge Seal. §
- Must show academic or vocational achievement in high school and/or at the collegiate level: minimum cumulative G.P.A. 2.75 (80)* including the Fall 2011 semester.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must submit a typed essay (approx. 250-350 words). See specific instructions on page 4. §
- Must obtain a school transcript to be provided by the school. *
- Must be a full time student (Fall 2012), taking at least 12 undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours per semester .

* If you are an adult who has been out of school (high school or college) for more than 5 years, the eligibility requirements marked with an asterisk (*) do not apply.

§ If you are a previous recipient, the requirements marked with a (§) should not be submitted.

OFFICIAL RULES:

- Only this current application must be used. Follow all directions carefully.
- A school transcript must be provided and must show a cumulative GPA of 2.75 (80.0) or better.
- All components of the application (e.g., application, school transcript, proof of financial need and essay) **must be submitted in one package**. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard for acknowledgment of receipt of your application. Incomplete or late applications or applications not submitted in one package will not be considered.
- Applications will be evaluated by an independent scholarship evaluation agency.
- Additional consideration will be given to applicants who: demonstrate leadership abilities, participate in community service work; demonstrate employment experience, participate in extracurricular school activities, or have family responsibilities.
- This award is competitive. It is not an entitlement and is not compensatory. Awards are based upon merit and are not allocated by Lodge, District, Region, or Area.
- Assistance checks will be mailed directly to student's home upon verification of enrollment as a full time student.
- QUESTIONS?** Call 914-723-4476 Mon- Fri. 9 -5 Eastern time.

DEADLINE: Completed application package must be **postmarked between January 1st and April 1, 2012.**

INSTRUCTIONS: Use as a checklist

- New applicants** must fill out pages 1-4, Then assemble in the following order:
 - Application pages 1-4 (**ALL INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED ON THE FORM**)
 - Essay (see application page 4)
 - Current or previous years 1040 forms of candidate and parent
 - School transcript*
- Previous Recipients** must fill out only pages 1 & 2, Then assemble in the following order:
 - Application pages 1 & 2 (Lodge signatures and seal not needed)
 - Current or previous years 1040 forms of candidate and parent
 - School transcript*

Applications **must be postmarked by April 1, 2012.** No exceptions can be made.

Send to: **Education Assistance Program, 233 Nelson Road, Scarsdale NY 10583-5907**

Do not send: “registered, certified, overnight, FedEx etc.” **It’s the postmark that counts!**

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GRAND LODGE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly:

Name: Last _____ First _____ M 1

Home Address: (Number) _____ (Street) _____ Apartment Number _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Phone: (area code) Number _____ Social Security Number _____ email address _____

Previous Recipient (Yes/No) _____ If Yes list years: _____

Applicant's date of birth _____

Number of family members supported by family income. _____

Number (not including applicant) in college this coming year _____

Are any other family members applying for this assistance? (list names) _____

Total cost of sibling annual education expenses minus scholarships. (not including applicant) _____

Must be a full time student (taking at least 12 undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours)

Name of school planning attend in the fall of 2011 _____
 Undergraduate Graduate Re training Trade school or vocational
(check one)

Course of study or type of training program: _____

Your anticipated tuition and expenses per year\$ _____

YOU MUST ATTACH THE MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT ISSUED BY YOUR SCHOOL

* Transcript must show a cumulative 2.75 (80) G.P.A. or better average.

MASONIC AFFILIATION

Check relationship to applicant: name of relative _____
 father grandfather

New York State Lodge: _____
Name _____ Number _____ District _____

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FINANCIAL NEED – Must Be Completed:

Financial need is a major consideration in the evaluation of your application. Students who cannot show significant need will not receive assistance. **You must attach copies of Pages 1 & 2 (only) of this year's, or last year's Federal 1040 or 1040 EZ forms. You must submit forms for both yourself and YOUR PARENTS.**

In the space below **concisely describe** any additional information the rating agency should know that is not indicated on the 1040 form.

This section for first time applicants only

TO THE MASTER and SECRETARY OF THE LODGE:

Please complete the information below to attest that the Masonically affiliated Brother is or was a Master Mason in good standing in your Lodge.

Name of affiliated Brother: _____ Grand Lodge #: _____

Master's signature and Date

Secretary's signature and Date

Lodge Name, Number and District

Lodge Seal here

NOTE* Lodge seal must be used in order for the application to be valid

Applicant's Signature and Date

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Must be completed by all new applicants (current H.S graduates / college students)
 List the extracurricular activities (e.g., music, sports, clubs, newspaper, student government) in which you have actively participated in grades 10, 11, and 12 in the spaces at the left. For each activity, place a check in the box(es) corresponding to the grade(s) in which you participated. Briefly describe your participation. (Include any office's held)

Activity	Year Participated						Indicate your title and briefly describe your participation
	High School			College			
	10	11	12	1	2	3	

ACTIVITIES: Outside of school
 List the activities in which you have actively participated (e.g. family, church, scouts, community etc.) in the spaces at the left. For each activity, briefly describe your participation and any leadership positions held.

YOU MUST USE THIS FORM. DO NOT ATTACH LISTS.

Activity	Indicate your title and briefly describe your participation

Employment experience:

Employer	Indicate your title and briefly describe your duties

HONORS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: Briefly list awards you have received, the granting organization and for what achievement.

Award	Granting organization and reason

COMMUNITY SERVICE: In the Space below: Briefly describe any volunteer service you have provided which was not required by your school.

SCHOLARSHIPS: In the Space below: Describe any previous scholarships you have received, the amount and for what time period.

ESSAY:

On a separate 8 1/2 x 11 sheet submit a typed essay (approx. 250 - 350 words) and **attach it to this application.** **DO NOT** send your college application essay. Answer both of the following questions. 1. *What do you do after school?* 2. *What are your interests and hobbies?* Please limit your essay to the front side of one page.