

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Rite of Adoption for the State of North Carolina
An Affiliate of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc.



2023

STUDENT AID APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

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Official Rules and Regulations for the Student Aid Application

The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Rite of Adoption for the State of North Carolina, An Affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc. will award annually student aid to high school seniors and college students who are residents of North Carolina and have resided in the area of the recommending chapter six months.

1. A Student Aid Scholarship will be awarded annually to those students selected by the District Student Aid Committee and/or Grand Chapter Student Aid Committee.
2. Awards will be based upon the student's scholastic achievements, intellectual abilities, needs, character and community service.
3. Selections of the recipients are to be made without discrimination as to the recipient's race, sex, creed or relationship to the member of our organization or Appendant bodies or affiliations. However, recipients must be United States Citizens and residents of North Carolina.
4. The constituent OES District Student Aid Committee shall select recipients each year, under procedures established by the Grand Chapter. **THERE WILL BE ONE (1) RECIPIENT FROM EACH DISTRICT.** Each District Chairperson is to mail all applications to the Grand Chapter Office.
5. Recipients may attend any accredited four-year bachelor degree granting college or university, community college and technical college in the United States and take such courses of study as he or she chooses. However, at the university level, a recipient must pursue a course of study fulfilling a Bachelor's Degree requirement in four years.
6. All scholarship awards will be mailed after Grand Chapter Session. This schedule of payment will be made on or about mid-October upon receiving official proof of enrollment from each awardee..
7. Applications may be submitted annually.
8. Student Aid awards may be withdrawn if the recipient:
 - a. Fails to enroll during the year in which it is awarded in a course of study meeting the requirements of paragraph #5.
 - b. Fails to continue such course of study, or
 - c. Fails to maintain satisfactory scholastic standards consistent with the ability and course of study of recipients. A minimum average of 2.5 is required.
9. All applications are to be completed and must be returned to the Chapter / Worthy Matron by **May 31, 2023. THE CHAPTER SEAL IS REQUIRED!!!**
10. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DEADLINE. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**
11. **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FOR UNDERGRADUATE WORK/STUDY ONLY, NOT FOR GRADUATE WORK/STUDY.**

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

1. A completed application **MUST** include a copy of the student's transcript; if applicant is a college student, the transcript of previous years is acceptable.
2. A current wallet-size picture is required with the application. Photos should not be copied on 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
3. Applicant must be a full-time student who has resided within the Jurisdiction of North Carolina for six (6) months prior to applying.
4. Student Aid will be paid to the designated student for the student's expenses. A statement that the student has enrolled in an institution of higher learning is required.
5. The student is to request a letter from the Registrar at the school verifying that he/she is in college. The letter must be on official letterhead from the college, signed and dated before the student receives the money or they can obtain the information from the National Clearinghouse from the internet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

1. Write an autobiographical sketch of your life including why you need the Scholarship and any special experiences, honors, hobbies, travels, other successes and hardships. Include any community involvements and extracurricular activities.
2. This sketch should be written in your own handwriting and in normal vocabulary on separate sheets of paper.
3. Other items required to include:
 - Three (3) letters of recommendations, (with application), from your
 - Guidance Counselor or high school teacher, and/or College Advisor
 - Community Leader or Pastor
 - OES member who recommended the applicant - the Worthy Matron may submit a letter of recommendation, if she knows the applicant.
 - Each letter should come in a signed and sealed envelope.
4. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED or CONSIDERED.**

GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR STUDENT AID APPLICATION

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DISTRICT _____

REGION _____

Name (Please Print)			Date
Permanent Address	City and State		Zip Code
Permanent Telephone	Date of Birth	Age	Marital Status
Parent's Name or Guardian	Occupation		Employer
Email Address			
Parent's or Guardian's Address	City and State		Zip Code
Name and Address of High School			Graduation Date
Name and Address of University you plan to attend or are attending:			
Major			Graduation Date
Your Classification			Overall Academic Average
Have you applied to college?	Have you received a Letter of Acceptance?		
Yes No	Yes No		
Is the university offering you a scholarship? Yes, _____ No _____ If yes state Amount \$ _____			
State Sources of scholarship, and other awards that you are receiving Amount \$ _____			
No. of siblings living at home? _____			
No. of siblings attending college? _____			

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Official Rules and Regulations relating to the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Student Aid. I have not and will not violate them in anyway and the data furnished hereon and herewith is accurate and has been completed by me to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
Worthy Matron's Signature:	Date:
Name of Chapter and Number:	
District Deputy Grand Matron's Signature:	Date:
Chairperson of District Student Aid Committee:	Date:

Chapter's Seal