



Grand Chapter of Washington Order of the Eastern Star

2025 EASTERN STAR SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Each year the Eastern Star Scholarship Fund Committee will award scholarships. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.** These scholarships are to be used for tuition and books **ONLY** and are available to **full-time under-graduate students** who have completed at least **one year of the required course work (45 credits/30 semester hours)** to receive their degree/certification.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2025 AWARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS 2025 APPLICATION FORM TO BE CONSIDERED

ELIGIBILITY

1. **You must be a resident of the State of Washington** and at least **one** of the following:

- A member of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington;
- A member of the Masonic Lodge in Washington.
- The child, legally adopted child, step-child, grandchild, widow, wife, sister or mother of a member of the Order of the Eastern Star or a Mason whose membership is/was in the State of Washington;
- A member in good standing in one of the three Masonic affiliated youth groups in Washington jurisdiction: International Order of DeMolay, International Order of the Job's Daughters, or the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

2. You must show proof that you are enrolled as a **full-time undergraduate student** (as defined by the institution you attend) in an accredited state or private college, community college or vocational school for the semester/quarter for which the scholarship will be applied. (See enclosed form.)

3. You must be maintaining a ***minimum 2.5 grade point average*** (using the 4.0 system). A vocational or trade school must send a letter verifying grades if a system other than the 4.0 system is used.

4. You must have completed at least ***one year (45 credits)*** of your course work by July 15th of the year that you apply for a scholarship. This may be community college, college, university, or vocational studies. Scholarships are awarded for ***undergraduate work only***. It is **NOT** for post-graduate studies.

5. **You may NOT receive a scholarship from this fund in the same year that you are granted the ESTARL Scholarship or the Alexandra Schencking Memorial Nursing Scholarship.**

6. **You must reapply for additional scholarships each year as additional scholarships are NOT automatic.**

FORM REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKLIST

- _____ A. It is the responsibility of the Scholarship Applicant to complete the entire Scholarship Packet, which **MUST** be received by the Secretary of the Scholarship Committee postmarked no later than **April 30, 2025** to be considered for the Eastern Star Scholarship. The Secretary's address is provided at the end of these requirements.
- _____ B. Please ensure that all copies are **legible**.
- _____ C. **Student ID #** for college/university and confirmation form for applicable full-time status.
- _____ D. Prepare a resume` of your educational and employment histories as well as church, organizations, and community activities. *Spelling and neatness count!*
- _____ E. Include a one-page essay (approximately 250 words) stating your understanding of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic Lodge, and/or your Masonic affiliated youth organization, and what way, if any, it may have affected your life. *Be sure this document is dated and signed by you. Please proofread (for grammar, spelling, etc.)*

F. The Scholarship Recommendation Form is included with this application. Three (3) recommendations, each using a copy of this form, are required. Each recommender should be familiar with your academic achievement, your moral character, your employment experiences, and your organizational and community activities. (The recommenders shall not be relatives, family members or students, but may include school personnel, teachers, administrators, and employers. You may also include one recommendation from a member of a Masonic organization.

1. Complete Section 1 of the Scholarship Recommendation Form before giving the form to the three (3) individuals from whom you are requesting recommendations.
2. The forms must be filled-in completely, dated, signed, and sealed by the recommender. To preserve confidentiality, each recommender should give the form in a sealed envelope directly to the scholarship applicant.
3. All **three (3) recommendations** must be included in the Scholarship Application Packet when it is sent to the Secretary of the Committee – postmarked **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2025 DEADLINE!** It is the Scholarship Applicant's responsibility to get the recommendation from the person writing it.

G. The Completed Scholarship Packet should contain the following items:

1. Application
2. Resume
3. One-Page Essay
4. Three (3) **Sealed** Envelopes containing completed Scholarship Recommendations that the applicant has personally received from the persons writing the recommendation.
5. A current **Official/Sealed** Transcript from your college for the quarters/semesters completed before April 30th showing that you have completed (or will complete by July) one year of your course work.
6. Confirmation form for applicable full-time student status, signed and dated by the registrar or your advisor.

This Scholarship Application Packet **MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2025.**

We suggest this packet be sent with a confirmation return so that it can be tracked if your scholarship application does not arrive on time.

H. A second Official Transcript, including the last quarter/semester you attended college, in a sealed envelope and signed by the Registrar must be received by the committee secretary postmarked no later than **July 15, 2025**. This will be used to verify that all academic eligibility requirements were indeed met. (There is usually a fee charged to you by the school for these transcripts.)

PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS. Do NOT include copies of awards, membership cards, newspaper articles, etc. Accuracy and neatness count! You are competing for a limited number of scholarships. Put your best effort forward. Avoid careless mistakes. Proofread and review your completed application before submitting it to the Committee. We want to help you complete your education, but we will be awarding scholarships to the most deserving. ALL DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.

Any questions can be directed to any member of the Eastern Star Scholarship Committee or the Office of the Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star at (253) 590-4321.

You will be notified by mail approximately mid-June as to the disposition of your application. If your application is approved, the awarded monies will be sent directly to the college/vocational school by August 15th of the current year. The school will establish a fund upon which you can draw for your educational needs.

SEND ALL COMPLETED FORMS TO THE SECRETARY LISTED BELOW

2024-2025 Eastern Star OES Scholarship Committee:

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| Jacelyn King, <i>Chairman</i> | (360) 384-3736 | jiacrkng@comcast.net |
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2025 APPLICATION FOR EASTERN STAR SCHOLARSHIP

NAME: _____
Last First Middle Age

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Area Code Home Number Area Code Work Number

Name and Address of your parents (if you are no longer living at home)

Name and Address of where you are employed

I am a member of: Eastern Star Masonic Lodge Job's Daughters Rainbow DeMolay

Name of my Chapter, Lodge, Bethel, or Assembly: _____
Name City State Zip

My Relationship to a Washington Mason or Eastern Star is/was (be specific): _____

Who is a member of: _____
Name of Chapter or Lodge # City State

I will have completed one year of my required course study by June (This is required): _____ **My GPA is:** _____

My Major Field of study is: _____

In the Fall I will be attending: _____

Mailing Address of Financial Aid Office City State Zip

My Student ID # for college/university is: _____ **My email is:** _____

I promise to notify the EASTERN STAR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE of any change in my school status (including graduation occurring before the end of the school year. Initials: _____

I am contributing approximately _____ per cent of my education expenses through work. I have received other Scholarships/Grants in the following amounts:

| Organization or Institution from which money was received | Date received | Amount received |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |

I have read the instruction sheet. I have included my GRADE POINT AVERAGE, OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT that has been signed and sealed by the Registrar of my school, a RESUME' of my work and school history, three sealed RECOMMENDATIONS and my ESSAY describing the significance/understanding by me of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic Lodge, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, or DeMolay.

Have you applied for either the ESTARL Scholarship or the Alexandra Schencking Nursing Scholarship for this current year?
 Yes No

Signature of Applicant **Date** _____

For Committee use only: Approved / Rejected _____, 20____
(Initials of at least 3 Committee Members)

Voucher # _____, **Ck#** _____ **Dated** _____, 20____



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Enrollment Certification Request

Student Information:

Name _____ Student ID# _____

Has this student been accepted and registered for classes as an under-graduate student at this educational institution for the 2025 Fall Semester/Quarter?

Yes No
(Circle One)

Registrar or Advisor Signature

Date: _____ Phone: _____

School Name and Address

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____