

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star

To: Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Officers, and Members of Subordinate Chapters

Please read this letter to your members and advise your Youth Scholarship Committee Members to give special attention to its contents. We suggest that the Chair of your Committee becomes familiar with the program and be available to answer any questions.

If your Chapter is planning to sponsor an applicant for a scholarship, you must follow all the Guidelines and use the Revised Form (2015) in submitting an application. A copy of the Guidelines and Application are enclosed and may be copied should additional forms be needed. Only applications submitted under these Guidelines will be considered and utmost care should be taken to complete all portions of the application.

Applicant must be a member of a Masonic and/or Eastern Star family, or a member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, or the Order of DeMolay. They must be sponsored by an Eastern Star Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. They must be entering their Junior or Senior year of College and have a GPA of 2.5 or above. Application must be sent to the Chairman of the Youth Scholarship Committee and postmarked by January 31, 2017 and be on the 2015 application form for approval or rejection. Awards are made for one academic year, and are subject to renewal, for a second year on the basis of financial need, school record and continued endorsement of the subordinate Chapter.

It is the duty of the Chapter Committee to thoroughly investigate the character and need of the student applicant before submitting his/her application to the Chapter for sponsorship approval and to the Grand Chapter Committee for evaluation. The Grand Chapter Committee will meet in February 2017 to award scholarships in order for the funds awarded to be mailed to the appropriate school prior to registration. Those receiving scholarships will be announced at Grand Chapter in 2017 and are awarded based on the funds available on a specific date.

The Youth Scholarship Fund needs financial support to continue awarding scholarships to deserving students. We encourage your Chapter and individuals to make donations, honorariums, and memorials as they are needed to continue the Scholarship fund. We thank you for your cooperation in helping to continue this most important program of Tennessee Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,

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