

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A.F. & A.M.

Scholarship Selection Committee

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August 1, 2023

Dear Guidance Counselor,

The Scholarship Selection Committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa is pleased to announce our scholarship award program for the 2023-2024 academic year. This year the Grand Lodge will be awarding fifteen (15) \$5,000 awards and ten (10) \$2,500 awards.

These scholarships assist graduating seniors in pursuing a post-secondary education in any state at an accredited institution that provides a two-year or four-year college program. Applicants need not have a Masonic connection, nor do race, creed, religion, color, sex, or national origin have any bearing in the selection process.

Eligible students for these awards are those that will graduate this academic year from public high schools within the state. A broad-based criterion will be used in the selection process with the principal criterion being service to school and community with special emphasis upon leadership roles in these areas. The Grand Lodge of Iowa is looking for those students who exhibit the greatest potential to not only be of service to their communities in the future but also leaders in these communities.

Enclosed with this letter is the Grand Lodge Scholarship Application and information about the availability of scholarships under the Grand Lodge Scholarship program. Interested students should first read the informational page to determine if they meet eligibility and selection criteria. The selection process involves a review of the applicant's academic record, communication skills, and financial need.

All completed applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2024. Any applications received with postmarks after February 1, 2024, or with inadequate postage will be denied consideration by the scholarship committee. Absolutely no exceptions to this deadline.

Enclosed is one copy of the Scholarship Application Form with an informational page. Please photocopy and distribute this form as much as needed. Forms are available online on the Grand Lodge of Iowa's website: <https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/grand-lodge/charitable-funds-endowments/>

If you have any questions, you may contact the Grand Lodge of Iowa office at 319-365-1438 or email scholarships@gl-iowa.org.

Sincerely,

Craig Bargfrede
Scholarship Committee Chairman

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., located at 813 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, will be awarding up to sixty scholarships to high school seniors who will graduate this academic year from a public high school within the state of Iowa. The exact dollar amount of each scholarship will depend upon the size of investment income from the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The scholarships are designed to assist graduating seniors in pursuing a post-secondary education in any state at an accredited institution which provides a two-year or four-year college program. The scholarships may be used for any bona fide school related expense such as tuition, fees, and books.

Applicants need not have a Masonic connection, nor do race, creed, religion, color, sex, or national origin have any bearing in the selection process. Recipients are selected after completing a comprehensive written application and an in-depth personal interview.

A broad-based criterion is used in the selection process. The principal criterion is service to school and community with special emphasis upon leadership roles in these areas. The Grand Lodge of Iowa is looking for those students who exhibit the greatest potential to be not only of service to their communities in the future but also leaders in these communities. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance are also carefully considered as is an evaluation of the applicant by a school official. The organization, appearance, and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

From all the applications received, the Scholarship Selection Committee will select several finalists who will be asked to appear before the committee for a personal interview. These interviews will be either conducted in person at several locations across the state, or via Zoom Video Conferencing. Upon completion of the interviews, the committee will then select those who will receive scholarships.

Public high school seniors who feel they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection are invited to submit applications. These applications may be obtained through the guidance department of any public high school and must be **postmarked no later than February 1, 2024, for the application and all supporting materials** to be considered by the committee.

Questions regarding applications and the scholarship program as well as completed applications should be directed to the:

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Applicant's Name _____

For Office Use Only:

Number: _____

Reviewer: _____



GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A.F. & A.M. MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



***This application must be postmarked no later than
FEBRUARY 1, 2024***

To the Applicant:

Before completing this application, read the informational page which specifies the criteria for both eligibility and selection. Since the members of the Scholarship Selection Committee have not met you and have only this application by which to evaluate you, carefully consider the content and completeness of your responses to the information being sought.

Additional pages of narrative or supporting documentation can be added to any section. This may include copies of newspaper clippings, photos, letters of recommendation from people within your school and/or community, and other materials which will give the Committee a better insight into you, your school, and your community activities. Please make copies. Do not submit materials you expect to be returned.

Section III must be in your own handwriting. Be certain that your handwriting is legible.

You MUST sign and date your application at the bottom of this page to be considered complete and valid.

All applications and correspondence should be sent to the:

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I. Identification Data (use pen or type)

Applicant's Name _____
First Middle Last

Applicant's email address _____
Street or PO Box

Applicant's Address _____
City Nine-Digit Zip Telephone with Area Code

Applicant's High School _____

School Address _____
Street or PO Box

City Nine-Digit Zip Telephone with Area Code

Graduation Date _____
Month Year

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

II. Academic Record:

Grade Point Average _____ Rank in Class _____ Number in Class _____

ACT Score (if taken) _____ Date Taken _____

SAT Score (if taken) _____ Date Taken _____

Date when the above information was compiled. _____

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a **current certified transcript of your credits signed by a school official and embossed with official seal** by **February 1, 2024**. If this information is not postmarked by this date, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. If your school does not provide certified transcripts until after graduation, the transcript must be sent directly by the school with a letter stating the school policy.

III. Personal Resumé:

You must complete this section in **your own handwriting**. Write about yourself, your home, family, interests, and your future educational or vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual. Do not include information requested in other sections of this application (two pages maximum).

Please attach as many pages as needed to complete the following:

IV. Need for Financial Assistance:

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. Relate any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

V. School Activities:

List those high school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the symbols 9, 10, 11, 12. Then list any leadership positions you may have held in this activity and indicate the grade (9, 10, 11, 12) when the position was held. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities.

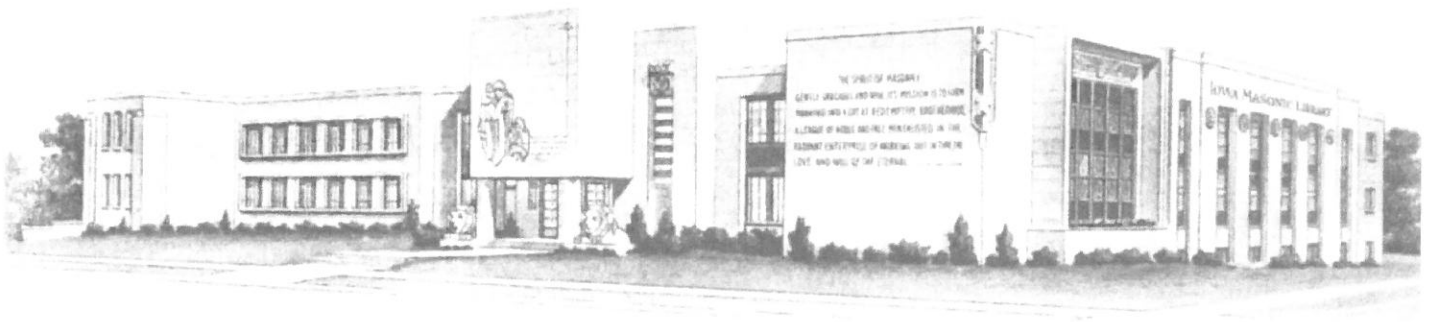
VI. Community Service:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. ***Silver Cord recipients, please list the activities that qualified you for the award.*** Indicate any leadership roles you may have had in this area. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

VII. Evaluation by School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, or Counselor):

Provide the following information, if known, about the applicant on official school stationery and either attach the letter to the application or forward it to the Committee under separate cover postmarked by **February 1, 2024**. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed.

1. Personal attributes
2. Abilities, talents, and interests
3. Scholarship, study habits, and probable success in college or vocational school
4. Home and family
5. Need for financial assistance
6. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) which should be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee



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Masonic Charitable Education Corporation Scholarship Selection Committee

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August 2023

Dear Guidance Counselor,

The Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. and its Masonic Charitable Educational Corporation are pleased to offer the **"Mark Earl & Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship"** to graduates of Iowa public high schools who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College in 2024.

The scholarship may be used for any bona fide school related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and tools. The number of scholarships and the dollar amount is dependent on the investment income. In 2022 - 2023 academic year for instance, ten scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$2,500 each.

High school seniors who feel they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection are invited to apply for these scholarships. The Selection Committee will review all applications which are completed, signed, and postmarked **no later than February 01, 2024**. Applicant interviews will not be conducted.

Questions or comments should be directed to the Grand Lodge of Iowa at (319) 365-1438.

The attached scholarship application may be freely copied and is available to print from the Grand Lodge website: <https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/grand-lodge/charitable-funds-endowments/>

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Soebbing

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Chairman of Selection Committee

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