



**Scholarship Committee
Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star**

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Dear Adult Youth Leaders,

Re: \$1000 Scholarships for 2017

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska of the Order of the Eastern Star is happy to announce that three \$1000 scholarships will be available again this year—one to an outstanding member of each of our Masonic Youth groups: DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls in the Nebraska Jurisdiction. As you will recall, these scholarships were first offered in 2009.

The Grand Chapter is pleased to offer these scholarships in support of our Masonic youth and we appreciate your helping to make the information and applications available to those who qualify by being actively involved in their youth organization, have high moral character and are (1) graduating high school seniors who are enrolled at or (2) students who are currently enrolled at an institution of higher learning or technical training.

The deadline for mailing applications is **APRIL 1**. The applications are to be mailed to the office of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, 301 N Cotner Blvd, Suite 200, Lincoln NE 68505 and must be postmarked April 1 or earlier. We will strictly adhere to this deadline.

Feel free to duplicate the enclosed application form. The office of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (402) 937-7056 (nebraskaoes@msn.com) will also be happy to provide additional copies or answer any questions you or your members may have. Forms are also available on our web-site: neoes.org. Click on "Reports and Forms" and then "Youth Scholarships".

We encourage youth leaders to provide all interested students with the scholarship application in their freshman, sophomore or junior year of high school so that all members of all ages will be aware of the application process and qualifications and can be working toward them.

Thank you for helping us to promote these scholarships. We do appreciate all that you do for our Masonic youth.

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee
Mary Ann Stevens (189), Chairperson
Ron Nielsen (35)
Trudy Fankhauser (234)
Bonnie Forney (92, 86)
Margaret Nelson (216)

**APPLICATION
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
\$1,000 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
DEMOLAY, JOB'S DAUGHTERS, RAINBOW FOR GIRLS**

NOTE: This application and supporting documents may be duplicated for distribution to the Scholarship Committee who will maintain strict confidence regarding all applications.

Application must include:

1. The completed application form.
2. Student's most recent transcript of grades.
3. Two letters of recommendation from:
 - a. An adult leader of your Masonic youth group.
 - b. A school official or teacher.
4. A resume addressing the following points: (may be computer generated)
 - a. Chapter, Assembly or Bethel activities (Include offices held, committees served, local and state functions in which you have participated.
 - b. Volunteer activities (Include church and community also)
 - c. School activities and organizations.
 - d. Work/employment history.
5. A brief statement covering the following: (may be computer generated)
 - a. Your plans for higher education and your goals for the future
 - b. Why do you consider yourself a person of high moral character?

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR THIS APPLICATION: APRIL 1ST

It is the responsibility of the applicant to see that all supporting documents are submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

**Mail completed application and supporting documents to:
Grand Chapter of Nebraska Youth Scholarship Program
301 N Cotner Blvd, Suite 200, Lincoln Nebraska 68505**

Please **print** the following information:

Name _____

Parents' Names _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter, Assembly or Bethel Name and Town _____

Your Adult Leader Information _____

Date Initiated: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

**GRAND CHAPTER OF NEBRASKA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

**Verification of Enrollment
Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay Youth Scholarships**

TO THE STUDENT: Please fill in your name, address and social security number (or school ID number) and then take this form to the Admissions Office of the College or University you will be attending. The Admissions Office will sign this form to verify your enrollment and mail it to the Grand Chapter office at the address below.

TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

The student named below has been selected as the recipient of an Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship Award. Please complete and return this Verification of Enrollment to the Grand Chapter of Nebraska at this address:

Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star
Scholarship Program
301 N. Cotner Blvd, Suite 200
Lincoln NE 68505

PHONE:

402-937-7056

Email: nebraskaoes@msn.com

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

Student's Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Social Security or School ID Number: _____

HAS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT:

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

By: _____

(Admissions Office)

(Title)

(To be filled in by Scholarship Committee)

An Eastern Star Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 has been awarded to the above named student. This scholarship is to be used for tuition, books or other legitimate college expense.

PLEASE CREDIT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP TO THE STUDENT'S ACCOUNT TO BE USED AS NEEDED FOR THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER.



What is the Order of the Eastern Star ?

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong. Members are comprised of men who are Master Masons, as were many of our country's great leaders—George Washington, Harry Truman, Francis Scott Key, Henry Ford, and not to forget—Buffalo Bill Cody! Women in the organization must have a specific relationship to a Master Mason, such as being the wife, daughter, granddaughter, mother, widow, or sister of a Master Mason. Eastern Star is, however, a completely separate organization from the Masonic Lodge, though we often meet in the same building.

Our organization is not a religion. Our teachings are sometimes referred to as “Secret”; however, the lessons taught within our meetings are based on heroines whose stories are told in the Bible. As members we try to exemplify the noble principles and high moral conduct which the stories of those heroines portray.

In Nebraska there are 78 Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in communities across the state, and currently there are over 7,000 members. Each year these members contribute thousands of dollars and devote hours of volunteer services to worthy projects. This scholarship program is just one of those projects. This year Nebraska Eastern Star members will give over \$75,000.00 in scholarships to high school seniors across the state in addition to the three Masonic Youth Scholarships, one of which you have the honor to receive. Members support activities within their own community as well as projects promoted by the state body, the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and the General Grand Chapter, the body which oversees Chapters all over the world. Nebraska members support the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children located in Fremont Nebraska and we assist with many projects of the Nebraska Masonic Lodge including The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic, and the CHIP Program (Child Identification Program). Each year a “Special Project” is also selected to receive our support. Some of these projects have included Noah's Assistance Dogs in Crete Nebraska, the Juvenile Diabetes Association, Macular Degeneration, Make-a-Wish Foundation of Nebraska and this year, the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands. We have always supported Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay for Boys, youth groups which are a part of our own “Masonic Family” and we are happy to present this \$1,000 scholarship to one deserving member in each of these youth organizations.

For more information on continuing your service in our Masonic Family, contact the local Chapter where your Masonic youth organization meets, or you may contact the Grand Chapter of Nebraska: 402-937-7056 or nebraskaoes@msn.com.

Congratulations! We send our best wishes to you for a successful college experience.