IMOS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Guidelines

- 1. Periodicity: Annual
- 2. <u>Amount</u>: up to \$3000 (per calculation table IMOS utilizes)
- **3.** <u>Scholarship funds are to be used for</u>: Assistance in pursuing academic, trade school, or vocational education beyond High School.
- 4. <u>Persons Eligible to Apply</u>: Illinois Master Masons in good standing for at least 15 consecutive months, their Spouses and Widows, of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. & A.M. The 15 month restriction may be lifted if the Illinois Master Mason has been continuously in good standing since being raised, <u>and</u> he was an active member of Illinois DeMolay in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to being raised.

5. Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- a. For an **initial** application, the applicant must satisfy <u>at least one</u> of the following criteria (transcript required):
 - i. Possess a C or higher *cumulative* grade point average from his/her most recently attended school -- or –
 - ii. Possess a B- or higher-grade point average from his/her most recently completed semester/official grading period. -- or –
 - iii. Not having attended school that issues grades during the last 3 years.
- b. For a **renewal** application, the applicant must satisfy <u>at least one</u> of the following criteria (transcript required):
 - i. Possess a B- or higher *cumulative* grade point average from his/her most recently attended school -- or –
 - ii. Possess a B or higher-grade point average from his/her most recently completed semester/official grading period.
- c. Be enrolled, or eligible to enroll, in an accredited College, University, Trade School, or other reasonable and substantive post-high-school program of vocational study <u>which</u> <u>directly relates to obtaining or improving necessary job skills and experiences for the</u> <u>applicant</u>. The applicant must submit proof of enrollment in the form of a letter/certificate from the college, university, trade school, or approved vocational study program.
- d. <u>On the application, the applicant will be asked to provide a brief summary of how the education supported by the scholarship is anticipated to help them secure, maintain, and/or improve their prospects for employment.</u>





6. <u>Renewability</u>:

- a. Awardees may reapply for the scholarship on an annual basis from the date of prior disbursement.
- b. Approval of scholarship renewals are based on eligibility rules in effect at the time of reapplication and are not guaranteed.
- c. There is a lifetime limit of no more than five (5) annual scholarship awards <u>per person</u>. Certain hardship cases may be granted consideration for additional years at the discretion of the IMOS Board of Managers.

7. <u>Awards</u>

- a. Award amounts are subject to scaling based on an applicant's household income and household size.
- b. All awards and amounts are subject to the availability of budgeted funds.
- c. Illinois Grand Lodge in conjunction with the IMOS Board of Managers has final discretion in all matters of scholarship qualification and amounts.
- d. Awards are disbursed directly to the Applicant via direct deposit.

Deadline

No definitive deadline: completed applications are reviewed on a monthly basis.





IMOS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. Applicant is (Choose One):

MASTER MASON_____SPOUSE of Master Mason_____WIDOW of Master Mason_____

(If applicant is NOT an Illinois Master Mason, Spouse, or Widow please do not apply as application will not be considered).

Date:	Phone Number:	E	mail:	
Name:				
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	
Address: _				
	(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
Age:	Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:		
Married/Si	ingle/Divorced/Widow:			
List Names	s/Relationships of all persons resi	ding with you:		
			Lodge No	
Masonic m	nembership (# of years in continu	ous good standing):		
Master Ma	ason Grand Lodge number (found	l on dues card) M		
Applicant's	DUCATIONAL INFORM s High School or last school atten dress:	ded:		
	(Street)		(City/State)	(Zip)
Graduatio	n Date (MM/YYYY):			
Grade Poir	nt Average if available (most curr	ent cumulative GPA	on 4pt scale):	
I plan to at	ttend or am currently attending:			
		(College, Univer	sity, or Trade School name)
Located at	·			-
		(City) (State)		
Field of Stu	udy/Major/Program:			

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Occupation:	
Spouse's Occupation:	
Number of Dependents (and ages):	

Adjusted Gross Family Income (income in the past 12 months of the applicant and all other individuals 15 years old and over living in the household at the time of application): ______



The following supporting documentation MUST be submitted with your completed application:

- 1. Scholarship Application Form
- 2. High School (or most recent school) transcript if not included explain why in your short statement
- 3. Enrollment verification letter or certificate from an ACCREDITED college, university, or trade school
- 4. Copy of latest income tax return(s) that shows Adjusted Gross Income for entire household.
- 5. Cost of tuition/educational related expenses from the school
- 6. A short statement explaining what you expect to gain from this education and future goals (e.g., reason for attending)

****Failure to send in ALL above documentation will delay the submission of your application

Applications should be submitted to:

outreach@ilmason.org or fax: 217-883-4630 Or by mail to: The Grand Lodge of Illinois - IMOS 2866 Via Verde St. Springfield, IL 62703



