

ESTARL
Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership

Date:

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To:

RE: OES ESTARL Scholarship Program

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. Enclosed is an application and instruction for its completion. Please send the completed section of the application with official transcripts in one packet to the ESTARL chairman **by February 15**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

ESTARL is a scholarship program for men and women preparing for careers in religious leadership in any denomination. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Preparing for a full-time career of religious leadership in ordained ministry, missionary, youth ministry, director of religious education, music ministry, or other religious careers
- Reside in Minnesota for at least one year before receiving award, with the exception of missionary duty
- Part-time to full-time student beginning in September of the school year for which the scholarship is granted
- Tuition is not paid in full for the coming academic year by another individual or agency
- Member of a church
- A recipient may apply more than once for an ESTARL award; the total amount received by an applicant may not exceed \$10,000.00.

Awardees are selected based on character, scholarship, leadership, citizenship, church involvement and need. If you are awarded a scholarship, the funds will be sent directly to the financial director of the seminary or educational institution you will be attending in the fall. Awards can **ONLY** be used for tuition expense. According to our by-laws, if someone else or some other agency will pay your tuition in full, you do not qualify for an ESTARL award.

The Order of the Eastern Star does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, ethnic origin or religious belief in the administration of its scholarship program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Request an application packet from the ESTARL chairman
- Applicant completes **Section I – Personal Information and Personal Statement** and submits to ESTARL chairman by February 15
- Applicant provides **official transcripts** of all college or seminary coursework completed to date to ESTARL chairman by **February 15**
- **Section II - Recommendation from Minister of Home Church** – submitted by minister to ESTARL chairman **by February 15**
- **Section III - Recommendation from Academic Advisor** – submitted by academic advisor to ESTARL chairman **by February 15**
- **Section IV - Recommendation from Sponsoring OES Chapter** – submitted by Chapter to ESTARL chairman **by February 15**
- ESTARL committee reviews applications and determines awardees.
- Awardees are notified and invited to Minnesota Grand Chapter OES Awards Ceremony in May where Certificates of Award are presented
- Certificates are mailed to awardees unable to attend
- Scholarship checks to be applied to *tuition* ONLY are mailed to the seminary or educational institution **by August 31**

Section I – Personal Information

Name: _____ Gender: _____

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Will you be at least a half-time student in 2017-2018? YES _____ NO _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Residence in Minnesota since: _____

Church Member: YES _____ NO _____ Denomination: _____

Church Address: _____

Minister’s Name/Address: _____

Seminary or College attending 2017-2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

What year of seminary will you start in September 2017?

Junior _____ Middler _____ Senior _____

OR What year of college will you start in September 2017?

First-year _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Seminary(ies) or College(s) previously attended:

Name: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Degree earned: _____

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For which program of religious service are you preparing?

Ordained Minister _____ Missionary _____ Director of Church Music _____

Director of Religious Education _____ Director of Youth Ministry _____

Other (describe) _____

Proposed location of service: USA _____ Overseas _____

Total amount of *tuition* expected for school year 2017-2018 (do not include amounts for books, room and board, transportation, health insurance, or other personal living expenses) _____

Is your church or any outside source such as an individual or agency (i.e. GI Bill, Veterans' Dependent, other scholarship) paying any portion of your *tuition*?

Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, Percentage/Amount _____

Will you be employed in 2017-2018? Yes _____ No _____ Occupation _____

What amount do you expect to contribute to your *tuition*? _____

Describe your personal interests and the campus or community activities in which you participate.

Describe your previous experience in religious service:

What influenced you to become a worker in religious service?

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please use a word processor to respond to the following four questions and attach them to this page of the application.

1) What is the role of religion in today's world?

2) How can churches become more effective?

3) In what ways do you feel you can make a difference in people's lives?

4) What is your personal religious philosophy?

Section II – Recommendation from Minister of Home Church

NOTE: If minister is a relative, obtain recommendation from a member of the church board.

_____ **(Name of Applicant)** is applying for an ESTARL Scholarship (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership). Scholarships are intended for men and women preparing for a career in church-related service. Please give us your opinion of the Applicant related to the following items. Your reply will be held in strict confidence. You may use space on the reverse side of this form or attach a separate sheet for your answers as necessary. **Return the completed recommendation by**

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1) How long have you known the applicant? Describe your relationship.

2) What is the applicant’s relationship to the local church, their acceptance and participation?

3) Describe the applicants’ qualities for religious leadership:

Initiative

Dedication

Integrity

Emotional stability

4) What financial assistance, if any, does your church give the applicant?

5) Please add any other pertinent information about the applicant.

Printed Name _____ **Title:** _____

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

Section III – Recommendation from Academic Advisor/Counselor

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1) Describe the applicants' qualities for religious leadership:

Initiative

Dedication

Integrity

Emotional stability

2) How does the applicant relate to fellow students?

Concern for others

Influence

3) Is this applicant at least a half-time student at the institution?

4) Is the applicant in good standing at the institution and making satisfactory progress toward career goals?

5) Please add any other pertinent information about the applicant.

Printed Name _____ **Title:** _____

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Section IV – Recommendation from Sponsoring OES Chapter

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1) Personal appearance and presentation of self:

2) Applicant's career goals

3) Seriousness of purpose:

3) Qualifications of the applicant as a leader in religious service:

4) Applicant's expected tuition, sources of assistance, financial need (tuition only)

5) Summarize the Committee's evaluation of this applicant based on your personal interview.

Chapter Name/Number/Location _____

Chapter ESTARL Committee Signatures (1) _____

(2) _____ (3) _____

Worthy Matron/Phone _____

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Worthy Patron/Phone _____

Chapter Seal Here

Secretary/Phone _____