

GRAND  **CHAPTER**
of the State of Minnesota
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
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Thank you for your request for an application for an M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship administered by Minnesota Grand Chapter, Order of The Eastern Star.

Enclosed you will find:

1. An Application Form (2 sheets)
2. Personal Statement of Student Form
3. Scholastic Record of Student Form
4. Personal Reference Form
5. Order of The Eastern Star Sponsorship Form

It is very important that all forms be completed according to the instructions and that all forms are typed or printed clearly in black ink to facilitate copying. The applicant must return all forms in one envelope postmarked no later than February 15, 2018. The completed packet should be mailed to:

Cynthia McDonald
M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship Committee
13401 Fairlawn Ct.
Apple Valley, MN 55124

The Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and the applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision before the 2018 Grand Chapter Session that will be held in St. Cloud on May 3, 4 & 5, 2018. Scholarship recipients will be invited to receive their awards in person.

Questions regarding the scholarship or the application process should be directed to me at the address above, at my phone number 952-432-1529, or by email at mcmom_1@yahoo.com (there is an underscore before the number 1 in the email address).

Faternally,



Cynthia McDonald

M. JOSEPHINE RUHSAM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Minnesota Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

To the Applicant:

1. The applicant must be graduating from an accredited Minnesota high school program.
2. This application must be accurately completed and postmarked no later than February 15th of the current school year. If the application is not fully completed, it may not be considered by the Scholarship Committee. The form must be typed or printed neatly in black ink.
3. The Personal Statement of the applicant should describe the student's future goals and financial need.
4. The applicant's Scholastic Record should be completed by the applicant's school.
5. The Personal Reference should be completed by a principal, counselor or teacher.
6. The Sponsorship form should be completed by a member of the Order of the Eastern Star who recommends the applicant for the award.
7. OPTIONAL : A recent photograph may be attached to the upper right corner of the first page of the application.
8. **ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IN ONE ENVELOPE.**
9. There are no restrictions as to race, creed, national origin or relationship to any member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Purpose of the M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship Program:

One of the goals and visions of M. Josephine Ruhsam upon achieving the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron was to create a fund to assist graduating high school seniors in furthering their education at the post-secondary level.

It is hoped that through this program deserving students may be helped to more nearly attain their potential for achievement, whether through technical – vocational training, through the liberal arts, or through preparation for professional specialization, except for fields of religious endeavor. (There is a separate program for religious study.)

APPLICATION FOR A M. JOSEPHINE RUHSAM SCHOLARSHIP

1. _____

Applicant's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Phone Number
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2. _____

Home Address – Street or Route	City	State	Zip Code
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3. _____

Parents or Guardians Names	Address and Phone if different from above)
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4. _____

Name of High School	Address	City	State	Zip Code
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5. _____

Date of Birth	Age	Sex (M or F)	Email Address
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6. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes _____ No _____ If not, what country? _____

7. List your career or vocational choices:

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____

8. A. To which Post-Secondary School(s) have you applied?

8. B. To which Post-Secondary School(s) have you been accepted?

9.A. List school activities in which you have participated. (Use back of page if necessary)

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
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9.B. List community activities in which you have participated. (Use back of page if necessary)

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
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10. List any outstanding achievements or awards you have received.

11. List your employment record while in high school.

Place of employment	Nature of Work	Dates of Employment	Approximate Hours per week
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12. Give the name, address, telephone number and occupation of three references from whom additional information may be obtained, if needed.

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Applicant's Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Signature of Applicant

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF STUDENT:

Describe your personal goals and financial need.

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Applicant's Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Signature of Applicant

Date

Name and Address of High School

SCHOLASTIC RECORD OF STUDENT:

A duplicate of the applicant's academic transcript and standardized test data must accompany the application for use by the Scholarship Committee. Please record grades for all completed courses (including grades for the first term of Grade 12.) Please include a guide for the grading system and an explanation for any special courses, if appropriate.

All information will be kept confidential and will be used only by the Scholarship Committee. The academic transcript will be destroyed following the selection of the recipients.

Grade point average at the end of the last academic term. _____

Class rank at the end of the last academic term. _____

Print Name and Title of School Official

Signature

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Applicant's Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Name and Address of High School

PERSONAL REFERENCE:

To be completed by a high school principal, counselor or teacher.

Provide a statement concerning the characteristics of the applicant related to the area of post-secondary education of interest. Please address qualities of cooperation, leadership, initiative, reliability, judgement, communication or other characteristics you feel reflect the applicant's potential for successful attainment of their educational goals.

This statement must accompany the student's application. All information will be kept confidential and will remain in the possession of the Scholarship Committee.

Print Name and Title of School Official

Date

Signature

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Applicant's Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Name and Address of High School

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR SPONSORSHIP

To be completed by a member of the Order of the Eastern Star who recommends the applicant for a scholarship.

I/We do know this applicant and believe she/he possess the qualities desirable of an applicant for a M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship and believe she/he has the potential for successful attainment of her/his educational goals.

Student sponsored by _____

Please print

Written signature

Name and Number of O. E. S. chapter

This page MUST accompany the student's application to be complete