

## GRAND CHAPTER



of the State of Minnesota  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
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### M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship



M. Josephine Ruhsam was the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron when she passed away in 1983. Money set aside for her year and donations as well as memorials were put together to form a scholarship in her memory. A committee was established to set the process in place and to award scholarships. The first scholarships were awarded in May 1988.

#### To the Applicant:

1. The **Application** must be accurate and complete. The applicant must be a Minnesota resident who will be completing his/her secondary education in this academic year. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. The applicant's **Personal Statement** should describe his/her goals for the future and financial need.
3. The applicant's **Activities Form** should describe school activities, community volunteer activities and outstanding achievements/awards received while in high school (grades 9-12).
4. A high school principal, counselor, or teacher should complete the **Personal Reference Form**.
5. A member in good standing of the Order of the Eastern Star needs to recommend the applicant for the scholarship. The member must complete the **Order of the Eastern Star Sponsorship Form** and then have the Chapter Secretary complete the form.
6. The **Scholastic Record of the Student Form** should be completed by a high school official and submitted with the applicant's **High School Transcript** that includes the most recent grading period.
7. All information will be kept confidential and will be used only by the Scholarship Committee.

**All Documents (Items #1-#6) are to be submitted in ONE envelope to the Scholarship Committee Chairman and postmarked no later than February 15, 2025. The completed application should be sent to:**

Ralph Johansen, PGP  
100 Oak St  
Clearwater, MN 55320  
612-388-3984  
rejohansen@hotmail.com

The Scholarship Committee will review all complete applications and applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision in April 2025. Recipients will be invited to the awards ceremony during the 2025 Grand Chapter Session to be held in St. Cloud May 1-3, 2025. Questions regarding the scholarship or application process should be directed to the Committee Chairperson at either 612-388-3984 or rejohansen@hotmail.com

# APPLICATION FOR THE M. JOSEPHINE RUHSAM SCHOLARSHIP

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle Name

2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (M or F) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what country? \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Home Address                                      City                                      State                                      Zip Code

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number                                      E-mail Address

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School                                      Address                                      City                                      State                                      Zip Code

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name                                      Address and Telephone (if different from applicant)

8. List your career or vocational choices:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

9A. To which Post-Secondary School(s) have you applied?

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9B. To which Post-Secondary Schools(s) have you been accepted?

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9C. What is the name and address of the Post-Secondary School you plan to attend next year?

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10. List your employment while in high school:

Place of employment	Nature of Work	Dates of Hire	Hours/Week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Applicant's Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

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Signature of Applicant

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Describe your personal goals, plan for post-secondary education, and financial need. Print in black ink or attach a type-written page.

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Applicant's Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

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Signature of Applicant

**ACTIVITIES:** List the school activities and community volunteer activities you participated in during high school (grades 9-12). Indicate any outstanding achievements or awards you have received. Print in black ink or attach a type-written page.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

ACTIVITY

GRADE(S)

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

ACTIVITY

GRADE(S)

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS

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Middle Name

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Signature of Applicant

**PERSONAL REFERENCE:** This is to be completed by a high school principal, counselor, or teacher. A separate letter on school letterhead is required and must be attached to this form to accompany the student's application. All information will be kept confidential and will remain in the possession of the Scholarship Committee. The application will be destroyed following the selection of the scholarship recipients.

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Print Name and Title of School Official

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Signature of School Official

Date

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Signature of Applicant

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR SPONSORSHIP:** Please print in black ink. To be completed by a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in good standing in a Minnesota subordinate chapter who recommends the applicant for this scholarship.

This form must accompany the applicant's application.

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

Student sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name - Please Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name - Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Number of Minnesota O.E.S. Chapter

I verify that this sponsor is a member in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Secretary Name - Please Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**Chapter Seal**

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Signature of Applicant

**SCHOLASTIC RECORD OF STUDENT/HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:** Please print in black ink.

Please provide the following:

1. Unweighted Grade Point Average at the end of the most recent academic term \_\_\_\_\_
2. Submit a High School transcript which includes the most recent grading period.

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Print Name and Title of School Official

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Signature of School Official

Date