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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Minnesota Subordinate Chapters:

The M. Josephine Ruhsam scholarships are to be used by graduating high school seniors to continue their education through technical-vocational training, the liberal arts, or preparation for professional specializations and will *only* be granted to students graduating from high school in spring 2025 and beginning their post-secondary education in the 2025-26 academic year. The M. Josephine Ruhsam scholarships are *not* intended for students pursuing religious careers or continuing post-secondary education, as separate Minnesota Grand Chapter scholarship programs, the ESTARL awards and Pat Rasmusson Continuing Education Scholarships, exist for those purposes.

Applicants must be residents of Minnesota, recommended by an Eastern Star member in good standing in a Minnesota subordinate chapter, of good moral character, and have achieved academic standards sufficient to meet all the requirements of the institution they plan to attend in the next academic year.

The deadline for submission of the application is **February 15, 2025**. The Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and applicants will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision. Scholarship recipients will be invited to receive their awards in person at Grand Chapter to be held in St. Cloud May 1, 2, & 3, 2025.

Applications may be requested from:
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A letter with instructions for applicants and an application is also available on the Minnesota Grand Chapter OES website under the Serve and Scholarships links (<https://mnoes.com/serve/scholarships/>).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and I hope your Chapter members will recommend deserving students for this scholarship.

Fraternally,



Ralph Johansen, PGP, Chairman
M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship Committee