



MINNESOTA GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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 specialization. This scholarship will *only* be granted to students graduating in the Spring of 2026 and beginning their post-secondary education in the 2026-2027 academic year. The M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarships are *not* intended for students pursuing religious careers or continuing post-secondary education. The ESTARL Award and Pat Rasmussen Continuing Education Scholarships exist for those purposes.

Applicants must be residents of Minnesota, recommended by an Eastern Star member in good standing in a 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, 2026**. 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, if possible, at the Grand Chapter Session to be held in St. Cloud April 30th - May 2nd, 2026.

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

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

Fraternally,
Peg Oliver