



School Procedures for 2020 Scholarship Program

Enclosed you will find scholarship applications from Masonic Charities of Maryland and our Annual Scholarship Program. Nearly **\$70,000** will be awarded to Maryland public high school graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary education. One hundred finalists from public schools across the entire state will be selected. Each finalist will receive a \$500 scholarship. From these one hundred finalists, six regional winners will be selected to receive an additional \$1500 scholarship. From these six, three students will be selected to receive additional scholarships of \$1500, \$2,500 and of \$5,000 presented at our Scholarship Reception in the month of May. **Our top three students will receive total scholarships of \$3,500, \$4,500 and \$7,000!**

The following guidelines are to assist in our selection process:

1. Distribute as many applications as you desire or are requested. Copies may be made or we can provide additional applications.
2. Collect completed applications with required references by **March 1, 2020**.
3. Review applications for completeness. If desired, you may make recommendations but the lodge scholarship committee will determine final selections.
4. Applicants should be considered from the following criteria (in order)
 - a. Leadership in School and Community
 - b. Participation in School Activities
 - c. Personal Resume
 - d. Academics (SAT and GPA documentation preferred)
 - e. Financial Need
 - f. References / Recommendations
 - g. Overall Neatness of Application
5. The Lodge Representative listed below will contact you prior to **March 6, 2020** to pick up any completed applications.
6. Winners will receive notification by mail on or about **April 17, 2020**.
7. A Scholarship Reception will be held on **May 17, 2020** for all finalists and their parents/guardians at the Grand Lodge of Maryland in Cockeysville.
8. The additional scholarships of \$1,500, \$2,500 and of \$5,000 will be awarded at the Scholarship Reception. Finalists **must** be present at the Scholarship Reception to be eligible for these additional scholarships.

Sponsoring Lodge/Representative:

Freedom Lodge

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MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Closing Date March 1, 2020
To be completed by applicant and public school official*

To the Applicant:

Since you will be judged upon the information you furnish in this application, give considerable thought to what information is being requested and to the substance of the data you will submit. Provide as much information about yourself as may be necessary to complete each section. Remember, the members of the Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. Selection Committee have not met you and have only this application by which to judge you.

Additional pages of narrative or supporting documentation may be added to any section. This can include newspaper clippings, photos, letters of recommendation from persons with your school and/or community, and other materials that will give the Committee a better insight about you and your school and community activities. You are encouraged to submit copies rather than originals. Any materials you send will not be returned to you unless you specify what particular items you wish returned and provide an appropriate self-addressed, stamped envelope.

With the exception of section III, which must be in your own handwriting, you may type the remaining sections of the application. When using pen, be certain handwriting is legible.

All applications and correspondence should be returned to your principal or guidance counselor by **March 1, 2020**.

I. Identification Data (Please print or type)

Applicant's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Applicant's Address: _____
Street, Box or R.F.D. Number

_____ *Zip Code Telephone*

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Applicant's High School: _____

_____ *Street, Box or R.F.D. Number*

_____ *City County Zip Code Telephone*

II. Academic Record

Grade Point Average _____ Rank in Class _____ Number in Class _____

Date When Above Information Was Compiled _____
Month Year

III. Personal Résumé

You must complete this section **in your own handwriting**. Write about yourself, your home and family interests, future educational and vocational plans, and reason(s) for making this application including your need for financial assistance.

Date

Signature of Applicant

IV. School Activities

List those high school activities in which you have participated. Indicate the number of years you participated in each of these activities and any leadership roles you had in them.

V. Community Activities

Describe your involvement in organizations or activities within your community. Mention ways in which you may have been of service to your community in general or to people in your community in particular. Indicate any leadership roles you have had in this area.

VI. Evaluation by School Official (Superintendent, Principal or Counselor)

Provide information, if known, about the applicant relative to the following:

1. Personal attributes
2. Abilities, talents, and interests
3. Scholarship, study habits, and probably success in college or vocational school
4. Home and family
5. Need for financial assistance
6. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) which should be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee
7. List scholarship awards and/or financial assistance awarded to the student

Date

Signature of School Official

Title