

# GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK



## 2008 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OFFICIAL RULES DEADLINE AND APPLICATION

**Awards** will be given to outstanding high school graduates who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree, to adults who are returning to school for retraining, and to students entering a trade school or other vocational training programs. Students must attend full time and are eligible to receive assistance a maximum of four (4) times.

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## TO BE ELIGIBLE, THE STUDENT:

- Must be a child/grandchild or widow of a Master Mason or deceased Master Mason who is or was in good standing in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of the State of New York.
- Must obtain the signatures of Lodge Secretary, Master and Lodge Seal.
- Must show academic or vocational achievement in high school and/or at the collegiate level: minimum G.P.A. 2.75 (80)\*
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must submit a typed essay (approx. 250-350 words). See specific instructions on page 4. §
- Must obtain a school transcript to be provided by the school. \*
- Must be a full time student, taking at least 12 undergraduate credit hours per semester (9 credits Graduate.)

\* If you are an adult who has been out of school (high school or college) for more than 5 years, the eligibility requirements marked with an asterisk (\*) do not apply.

§ If you are a previous recipient, the requirements marked with a (§) need not be submitted.

## OFFICIAL RULES:

- Only this current application must be used. Follow all directions carefully.
- A school transcript must be provided and must show a GPA of 2.75 (80.0) or better.
- All components of the application (e.g., application, school transcript, proof of financial need and essay) **must be submitted in one package**. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard for acknowledgment of receipt of your application. Incomplete or late applications or applications not submitted in one package will not be considered.
- Applications will be evaluated by an independent scholarship evaluation agency.
- Consideration will be given to applicants who: demonstrate leadership abilities, participate in community service work; demonstrate employment experience, participate in extracurricular school activities, or have family responsibilities.
- This award is competitive. It is not an entitlement and is not compensatory. Awards are based upon merit and are not allocated by Lodge, District, Region, or Area.
- Assistance checks will be mailed directly to student's home upon verification of enrollment in a course of study.

**DEADLINE:** Completed application package must be **postmarked between January 1st and April 1, 2008.**

## INSTRUCTIONS: Use as a checklist

- New applicants** must fill out pages 1-4, Then assemble in the following order:
  - Application pages 1-4
  - essay (see directions)
  - 1040 forms.
  - school transcript\*
- Previous Recipients** must fill out only pages 1 & 2, Then assemble in the following order:
  - Application pages 1 & 2
  - 1040 forms.
  - school transcript\*

Applications **must be postmarked by April 1, 2008.** No exceptions can be made.

Send to: **Education Assistance Program, 233 Nelson Road, Scarsdale NY 10583-5907**

**Do not send:** “registered, certified, overnight, FedEx etc.” It’s the postmark that counts!

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**FINANCIAL NEED – Must Be Completed:**

Financial need is a major consideration in the evaluation of your application. Students who can not show significant need will not receive assistance. **You must attach copies of Pages 1 & 2 of this year's, or last year's Federal 1040 or 1040 EZ forms. You must submit forms for both yourself and your parents.**

In the space below **concisely describe** any information the rating agency should know that is not indicated on the 1040 form.

**TO THE MASTER and SECRETARY OF THE LODGE:**

Please complete the information below to attest that the Masonically affiliated Brother is or was a Master Mason in good standing in your Lodge.

Name of affiliated Brother: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Lodge #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Master's signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary's signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Name, Number and District

Lodge Seal here

**NOTE\* Lodge seal must be used in order for the application to be valid**

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Applicant's Signature and Date

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**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Must be completed by all new applicants** (current H.S graduates / college students)  
 List the extracurricular activities (e.g., music, sports, clubs, newspaper, student government) in which you have actively participated in grades 10, 11, and 12 in the spaces at the left. For each activity, place a check in the box(es) corresponding to the grade(s) in which you participated. Briefly describe your participation. (Include any office's held)

Activity	Year Participated						Indicate your title and briefly describe your participation
	High School			College			
	10	11	12	1	2	3	

**ACTIVITIES: Outside of school**

List the activities in which you have actively participated (e.g. family, church, community) in the spaces at the left. For each activity, briefly describe your participation and any leadership positions held.

Activity	Indicate your title and briefly describe your participation

**Employment experience:**

Employer	Indicate your title and briefly describe your duties

**HONORS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:** Briefly list awards you have received, the granting organization and for what achievement.

Award	Granting organization and reason

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** In the Space below: Briefly describe any volunteer service you have provided which was not required by your school.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** In the Space below: Describe any scholarships you have received, the amount and for what time period.

**ESSAY:**

On a separate 8 1/2 x 11 sheet submit a typed essay (approx. 250 - 350 words) and **attach it to this application**. Explain: 1. *What do you do after school?* 2. *What are your interests and hobbies?* 3. *What is your greatest accomplishment to date? Why?* Please limit your essay to the front side of one page.