



SUN CITY MASONIC LODGE #72

EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Sun City Masonic Lodge #72 (Lodge) believes it is part of our mission to assist, where possible, our Masonic Youth in pursuit of a higher education. It is with this objective in mind that the Lodge has introduced a grant program for qualified individuals.

The Educational Grant Committee will determine on an annual basis the availability of funds for an Educational Grant. The goal will be to have \$2000.00 annually for this purpose with the funds raised by Lodge members through volunteer activities. The intent is to provide four grants of \$500.00 each to eligible applicants. Priority will be given to organizations meeting in Sun City and sponsored by the Sun City Lodge.

For the purposes of this program the term "higher education" means any post-secondary institution or program of continuing education including but not limited to universities, colleges, trade or vocational schools if the institution is properly accredited and licensed.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be a member in good standing or a majority member of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, or Rainbow and should present evidence as such at the time of application.
- Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates under the age of 21 **or** must be students under the age of 23 enrolled in a full-time course of study at an accredited institution of higher education **and** must demonstrate scholastic proficiency, participation in extracurricular activities that benefit their school and/or community and recognition of volunteer activities.

- Submit an Essay on your educational goals and how you believe the Lodge can assist.
- Obtain Signature of Chapter Dad, Bethel Guardian, or Mother Advisor recommending your submission
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA and maintain for following years
 - Students are eligible to apply each year for up to 4 years
- Write a biography including Honors, clubs, sports, activities, church, civic duties, work history, or any other item of importance

APPLICATION PROCESS

Each time the Lodge chooses to award a grant, it will establish an Educational Grant Committee (Committee) to review the submitted applications and select the winners. The Committee will consist of three (3) members of the Lodge and will be selected by the Worshipful Master. No Committee member may be related to any applicant for a grant being offered. Each year a grant is offered, the Committee will announce the availability and amount of the grant and this announcement will be made in enough time for the following to be completed prior to the start of the upcoming school year:

- Completion and submission of the applications
- Review of the applications by the Committee
- Selection of the grant recipients and
- Awarding the grant checks to the selected students.

Students meeting the stated application requirements and wishing to apply for a grant must observe the following procedures:

For all applicants:

- Obtain and submit the application by June 1st each year. The application can be dropped off in the business office during normal hours or submitted to a Lodge Member at any scheduled event in a sealed envelope addressed to the Sun City Youth Grant Committee Chairman.

- Ensure that only the last four digits of your social security number are available on any paperwork submitted.
- Sign the application.

For high school students/graduates:

- Enclose or forward to the Committee a copy of previous year's report card or transcript.
- Provide a copy of a letter of acceptance to an accredited college/vocational school.

For college students only:

- Forward to the Committee an official transcript showing all semesters completed. Do not list extra-curricular activities, awards, honors, etc. from high school. Only list items from after high school graduation.

REVIEW PROCESS AND DETERMINATION

- Information submitted by the applicant will be maintained in strict confidence. It will be made available only to the Committee.
- The application must be submitted to the Committee prior to the date specified in this announcement.
- Eligibility requirements as outlined above will be strictly enforced.
- It is the student's responsibility to apply for admission to an accredited institution of higher learning, including completion of any exams required for acceptance prior to any award grant.
- The entries on the application must be complete and legible.
- Grants may only be awarded to those who have been accepted or are currently enrolled. Evidence must be provided in the form of an acceptance

letter (for admission) or a transcript (for current college/vocational students).

- The grants will be announced at the Lodge stated meeting in September and will be posted in the Trestleboard.
- Winners and non-winners will be notified by email.

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GRANT APPLICATION



This application and any required supporting documentation must be returned either by U.S. mail or by delivery to the Lodge office no later than the application deadline of July 31st of the grant year being considered. The Lodge assumes no liability for applications not received by the deadline and will offer no extensions that are not applicable to all candidates.

I, _____ have read and understand the conditions of the Sun City Masonic Lodge #72 Educational Grant Program explained in the current Educational Grant Application Guidelines. I affirm that I meet the requirements for an applicant and will use the monies, if granted, to pursue a higher education above and beyond high school or a trade school that would supply vocational skills. I will include a transcript of my current educational level. I understand that this application once submitted will be available only to qualified people who need to see it during their candidate selection duties. I also affirm that all this application, including the essay is my own work or formally cited from other sources. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that the primary criterion for selection will be the subjective evaluation of my essay.

PRINT OR TYPE ALL ENTRIES

Date: _____ Signature _____

Full name: _____

Permanent Residence: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-mail: _____

IMPORTANT: Attach an original essay no more than two pages in length, explaining why you should receive a grant. Include in the essay what your scholastic goals are and your biography. Do not include any financial need information. You may include achievements you think may be relevant to assist the Lodge deciding in your favor.
