

California Eastern Star Foundation Scholarship

2015 California Eastern Star Foundation Scholarship

Deadline

Completed applications with supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2015. **Please mail application in a 9" x 12" envelope. Please do not staple any pages.**

Eligibility

- Graduating high school seniors, continuing undergraduate and graduate students at an accredited college, university, community college, trade school, or religious institution.
- Applicants must be a United States Citizen and California resident.
- Applicants we fund for scholarships will **primarily** be those with Masonic ties or those who are members of our Masonic Youth Groups.
- Students must have a minimum cumulative 3.0, unweighted GPA. On page 3, please submit only Unweighted GPA, not Weighted.
- Demonstrate a financial need.
- Strong high school and/or community leadership record
- If applying for the religious scholarship (ESTARL), the applicant must be entering a theological college or seminary.

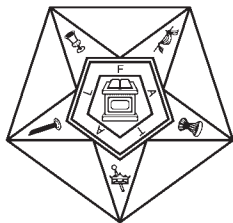
Award Amount: Varies. Applicants to whom Scholarships will be awarded will be notified by July 1, 2015.

Application Procedures

- Complete the California Order of the Eastern Star Foundation Scholarship application. **Make sure you complete the check-off list on top of page 2.**
- Copies of pages 1 and 2 of your most recent Federal Income Tax return, or that of your parents, if they claim you as a dependent. **(W-2 forms are not acceptable). Social Security numbers should be blacked out.**
- If submitting the parents Federal Tax return, the parent must sign the application giving consent to the committee to review the tax form. **Lack of a parental signature on page 4, will disqualify the application. All tax forms will be shredded after review.**
- Graduating seniors must submit an **official high school transcript** that includes the first semester of the 12th grade.
- College undergraduates and graduates may submit an unofficial transcript.
- If requested materials are not available at time of submission, please include a written explanation with your application.
- A copy of the college acceptance letter, if available. **Prior to awarding a scholarship, OES must receive a copy of your college acceptance letter.** You should send these items to OES as soon as you receive them.
- **GRADUATING SENIORS**, must submit the Teacher/Counselor Report (pages 6 and 7), with your Application.
- Responses to the essay questions may be submitted on a separate page as an attachment to the application.
- Checks will be mailed to the recipient only after proof of college/university enrollment has been received. This may be in the form of scheduled classes or enrollment verification from the college/university.

When you have filled out the Application and obtained all necessary documentation, as listed in the *check-off box* on page 2, please submit your application to the following address:

California Eastern Star Foundation
 c/o Grand Chapter of California, OES
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
 16960 Bastanchury Road, Suite E
 Yorba Linda, CA 92886-1711



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Signed by self	
Signed by parent	
Goals	
Financial Statement	
Tax Form	
Letter of Acceptance	
Transcripts	
Teacher/Counselor Reports pp. 6 & 7	

This checklist must be completed by the applicant before submitting the application.

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Instructions: Please fill out this application online and print. **If you need extra room, you may attach a separate sheet of paper.** You may also attach a résumé or *curriculum vitae*. Return the application with the supporting materials to the address listed above.

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Birthdate: _____ Male Female

How did you find out about this Scholarship? _____

Are you a Citizen of the United States? Yes No

Are you a resident of California? Yes No

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

With whom do you live? Mother Father Brother Sister Spouse

Others (please list relationship to you): _____

Are you employed? Yes No If yes, what is your:

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Are you married? Yes No If yes, what is your spouse's:

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Dependents claimed on your Income Tax Return: Yes No If yes, how many: _____

Father's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Name of School you **currently** attend: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Type of School: High School 4 year College/University Community College
 Religious Institution Trade School Other: _____

Current year: _____ GPA: _____ Major (if applicable): _____

Name of School you plan to attend: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Type of School: 4 year College/University Community College
 Religious Institution Trade School

Declared or intended Major: _____ Date term begins: _____

If you have **previously received** a scholarship from California Eastern Star Foundation, please state the amount and year: _____

If you have received any other scholarships, please state from whom, year received, amount, and whether the scholarship was for one time or renewable each year:

If you have applied for other scholarships, loans or grants this year, please list type and amount:

Please list any high school or college academic society to which you belong:

Please list honors, awards, and student body offices held, (include years for each):

Please list extracurricular and community activities:

Masonic Affiliations:

If you are a member of a Masonic Organization, please state the organization (Chapter, Bethel, Assembly, Lodge), name and number and how long you have been a member:

If you have any family members that belong to a Masonic Organization, please state their name, relationship to you, the name of the organization and chapter/ lodge name and number:

If you are applying for an ESTARL please list your service to your church, synagogue, or religious organization: _____

Using a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following three (3) items. Each response **should not exceed 150 words**. Attach your response as the last page of your application.

1. **Educational Goals**
2. **Reason for Choice of School**
3. **How will this scholarship help you with your education?**

If you are a high school student selected for a scholarship, a member of the Scholarship Committee may attend your awards ceremony to personally present the scholarship. Please provide the following:

Date and time of your high school awards ceremony: _____

Location of ceremony: _____

Name and telephone number of school official to be contacted regarding the ceremony:

Date

(Applicant's Signature)

Date

(Parent/Guardian – if using their tax and financial information)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

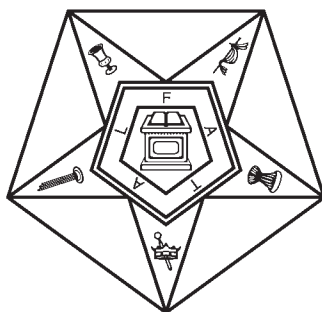
All sections of this page must be completed. Attach a copy of the Federal Income Tax Form (pages 1 and 2 only). Social Security Numbers should be blacked out.

Annual Family Gross Income: if living with parents		Annual Family Expenses per year. List your family's expenses if living with them. If living independently, list your own. Do not include state or federal taxes.	
Father	\$	Mortgage/ Rent	\$
Mother	\$	Property taxes	\$
Self	\$	Utilities	\$
Other (rents, interest, dividends)	\$	Food	\$
TOTAL	\$	Clothing	\$
If living independent of parents		Auto Expenses	\$
Self	\$	Medical/Dental	\$
Spouse	\$	Contributions	\$
Other (rents, interest, dividends)	\$	Entertainment	\$
TOTAL	\$	Travel	\$
Funds Available Annually — all sources for education		Other (explain in Note 2 below)	\$
Parents	\$	TOTAL	\$
Scholarships	\$	Approximate Annual College Expenses	
Loans	\$	Tuition	\$
Other (explain in Note 1 below)	\$	Fees not included in tuition	\$
TOTAL	\$	Books and Supplies	\$
		Room and Board	\$
		Transportation	\$
		TOTAL	\$

Note 1:

Note 2:

You may provide **on a separate sheet** attached to this application, other financial information not listed above which may be helpful in evaluating your application. This may include indebtedness due to illness, aid to grandparents, or other siblings in college.



**CALIFORNIA EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Entering Freshmen Only
Counselor or Teacher Report**

After completing Part 1 of this report, give this form to your teacher or counselor to complete Part II.
(If you would like more than one individual to submit a report, you may make copies of this form).

Part 1 — Student

Name: _____
Last
First
Middle

Birthdate (month/day/year): _____

I am applying to meet the deadline of March 1, 2014.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are entitled to review their records, including letters of recommendations; however, those who write and assess recommendations may attach more significance to those documents if they know their comments will remain confidential. You may choose the option to waive your right to access these recommendations. Please check the appropriate statement to indicate your choice, and then sign your name below.

- I waive my right to review this recommendation.
- I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Date: _____ Student's Signature: _____

Part II — Counselor or Teacher

As part of the application for a scholarship, we ask students to obtain a report from a school counselor or teacher. We seek the comments and evaluation of school officials who know the student well and who may be able to provide insights into the candidate's character, personality and abilities. Please be candid in your commentary and as comprehensive as possible in your description of the student's qualifications. The student should adhere to the deadline above.

Teacher/Counselor's Name:

1. Name: _____ Position: _____

School: _____ CEEB code: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

2. This candidate ranks _____ in a class of _____ students. This school does not rank its students.

3. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

How long? _____

4a. Do you have confidence in the applicant's academic integrity? Yes No

4b. Do you have confidence in the applicant's personal integrity? Yes No

If you answered NO to either question, please explain on a separate sheet.

5. Has the student ever been subject to serious disciplinary action or been suspended or dismissed?

Yes No

If yes please explain on a separate sheet.

6. We are especially interested in knowing the characteristics of this student that distinguish him or her from other candidates nationwide who are seeking college entrance. Please use a separate sheet to submit one Letter of Recommendation.

7. In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school, the applicant's course selection is:

Less than demanding Average Demanding Very demanding Most demanding

8. Compared to other students in the class, how do you rate this student in the following areas?

Traits:	No Basis	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent (Top 10%)
Intellectual ability						
Extracurricular accomplishment						
Personal qualities and character						
Creativity						
Readiness for college						

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please place both this form and your Letter of Recommendation in a sealed envelope and give it to the applicant to return with their application. Lack of a letter will eliminate this student's application.