Grand Chapter of California,
Order of the Eastern Star

California Eastern Star Foundation Scholarship

2027 California Eastern Star Foundation Scholarship Application

Deadline

Completed applications with supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2027**.

Please mail the application in a 9" x 12" envelope with no staples, single-sided pages to ensure proper scanning.

Eligibility

- Graduating high school seniors, continuing undergraduate and graduate students at an accredited college, university, community college, trade school, or religious institution.
- Applicant must be a United States Citizen and California resident.
- Applicant must have a minimum cumulative unweighted 3.0 GPA. On page 3, please submit Unweighted GPA, not Weighted.
- Strong high school and/or community leadership record.
- If applying for the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Training (ESTARL) scholarship, the applicant must be entering a theological college or seminary.

Award Amount: Varies. Applicants to whom scholarships will be awarded will be notified by June 15, 2027. If you do not receive a response by July 1, please confirm decision by emailing caoesscholarship@gmail.com. Copy of receipt of payment or partial payment of tuition/fees must be submitted as well as proof of class registration for check to be mailed.

Application Procedures

- Complete the California Eastern Star Foundation Scholarship application. **Make sure to complete the check-off box on top of page 2.**
- Include 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 must be blacked out/unreadable.**
- 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 and must submit Teacher/Counselor Report (pages 6 and 7).
- **UNDERGRADUATES/GRADUATES** may submit an unofficial transcript. Do not submit Teacher/Counselor Report.
- If requested materials are not available at time of submission, please include a written explanation with your application.
- You may include letters of recommendation and resume/curriculum vitae.
- Include a copy of the college acceptance letter, if available. **Prior to awarding a scholarship, enrollment verification must be sent to caoesscholarship@gmail.com.** Checks are mailed directly to recipient.

Once you have completed the application and included all supporting materials, complete the check-off box on page 2 and submit to:

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

In addition to mailing the application, it is strongly suggested that you email a copy to caoesscholarship@gmail.com.
You must mail signed application to be considered for a scholarship.

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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	
Copy documents for your records	

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

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Instructions: Please download, complete, and print this application. **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: CA 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: _____

School you **currently** attend: _____

Address: _____

City: State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of school: ☐ High School ☐ 4 year College/University ☐ Community College
☐ Religious Institution ☐ Trade School Unweighted GPA: _____

If in college, units completed: _____ Major (if applicable): _____

School you **will be** attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Intended Major: _____ Date term begins: _____

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

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 who belong to Eastern Star or other Masonic organizations, please use format: Name, Relationship, Chapter/Lodge/Org Name and Number, Location

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:

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

Please list honors, awards, and student body offices held, including years for each:

Please list extracurricular and community activities:
(If you are applying for an Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) scholarship, 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 responses as the last page of your application.

1. **What are your educational goals?**
2. **Why did you choose your preferred school?**
3. **How will this scholarship help you with your education?**

Please sign and date before submitting your application:

_____ _____

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 must 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 REQUIRED	$ **0.00**		Clothing	$
If living independent of parents			Auto Expenses	$
Self	$		Medical/Dental	$
Spouse	$		Contributions	$
Other (rents, interest, dividends)	$		Entertainment	$
TOTAL REQUIRED	$ **0.00**		Travel	$
Funds Available Annually — all sources for education			Other (explain in Note 2 below)	$
Parents	$		**TOTAL REQUIRED**	$ **0.00**
Scholarships	$		**Approximate Annual College Expenses**	
Loans	$		Tuition	$
Other (explain in Note 1 below)	$		Fees not included in tuition	$
TOTAL REQUIRED	$ **0.00**		Books and Supplies	$
			Room and Board	$
			Transportation	$
			TOTAL REQUIRED	$ **0.00**

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 parents/grandparents, or other siblings in college.

CALIFORNIA EASTERNSTAR FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

-Entering Freshmen Only-
Counselor or Teacher Report

After completing Part I 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 I — Student

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Birthdate (month/day/year): _____

I am applying to meet the deadline of March 1, 2027

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.