

THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Fund, Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia is a Virginia Corporation providing scholarships to deserving men and women from the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Scholarship Fund is exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

Freemasons are committed to high standards of excellence and part of this commitment is carried out by the Scholarship Fund Program.

The Scholarship Fund Board, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Virginia reviews the applications and awards scholarships up to \$1,000.00 per student selected. These are renewable for four consecutive years depending upon the availability of funds and the student's satisfactory academic performance and continuing need.

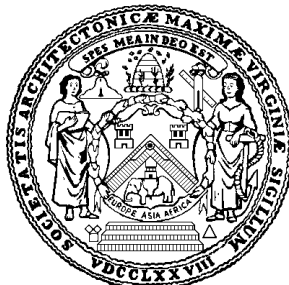
Students are selected on the basis of **merit and financial need**. Merit is demonstrated through academic achievement, class rank, standardized test scores, participation in high school, community, church or synagogue activities, as well as by the quality of the application essay. Financial need is established via the Financial Aid Form (FAFSA)

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 1. Applications received after March 1 will not be considered. Students are encouraged to submit their applications and supporting documents as soon as possible. The Board will evaluate each completed application and determine the rank of each applicant at the annual scholarship review.

The Financial Aid Form (FAFSA), which may be obtained from <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>, is required and should be forwarded to the committee as soon as possible. The Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) may also be obtained with the assistance of your high school counselor or your university, college or community college financial aid office. **The Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) you submit must provide an Effective Family Contribution (EFC=) number.**

A copy of the student's high school transcripts showing student's GPA, Class Rank and SAT scores or a student's university, college or community college transcripts showing GPA and Class Rank must also be provided.

Information on your application will be reviewed by the members of the Scholarship Fund Board, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Virginia. If it becomes necessary for the committee to verify information about you during the selection process, your permission will be needed. Your signature on page four will indicate your permission to release all information provided on the application as well as the Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) for the purpose of consideration for scholarship assistance. Your signature on page four also grants permission to publish your name in our periodical if you are awarded a scholarship as a result of this application.



7. High School from which you will graduate or university, college or community college attending:

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

COUNSELOR'S NAME

COUNSELOR'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

8. Date you will graduate (*you must be at least a high school senior to apply*): _____

9. Have you ever been placed on probation or suspended or dismissed from any school? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, give full explanation on separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

10. In chronological order, list organizations/activities in which you hold or have held leadership positions:

YEAR	ORGANIZATION	OFFICE
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11. List academic recognition/honors by year received:

12. Are you currently employed? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, indicate by whom, how long there, and address of employer.

13. What are your vocational goals?

14. List the colleges to which you have applied for admission:

15. What non-academic interest or activity has been especially meaningful to you? Include your hobbies as well as volunteer positions to which you have offered your time and/or services.

16. Personal statement. Please write a comprehensive and incisive statement expressing your academic and career goals as they relate to your proposed course of study. Note any academic or intellectual interests which hold special interest for you. If you need more space, you may write the personal statement on a separate sheet of paper, attaching it to this application.

17. *To the student:*

Your answers to the questions below will have no bearing on the committee's review of your application but are for our informational purposes only.

How did you learn of the availability of our Scholarship Program?

List the names of members of your family who are Masons in good standing:

Father: _____

Grandfather(s): _____

Uncle(s): _____

Other(s): _____

Are you now, or have you ever been a member of a youth organization which is Masonically related?

The review of applications is a time-consuming process which begins as soon as the SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD receives your application and supporting documents. Applicants will be notified of scholarship awards by mail.

18. I agree to the permissions stated on the cover page of this application and certify that the information supplied by me on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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