



ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
(EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP)
GRAND CHAPTER OF MARYLAND, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030

The Order of the Eastern Star is one of the largest fraternal organizations for both men and women. Our purpose is to promote fellowship, engage in charitable activities, and assist our members and communities in service projects – building an Order that is dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness. Worldwide, we have more than half a million members.

ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) is a scholarship program for those who are going to school for the purpose of religious training. The following information applies to scholarship awards administered by the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

AWARDS

- A. Awards are made to students preparing for leadership in various fields of religious service including Ministers, Missionaries, Directors of Church Music, and Directors of Religious Education or Youth.
- B. Awards may vary in amount and will be determined by the ESTARL Committee on the basis of funds available, number of applicants, and ability and need of the individual.
- C. Awards are outright gifts and are made for one year. Consideration may be given for future awards on the basis of eligibility and availability.
- D. Award winners are notified by letter. A check in the amount of the award is sent to the school for the use of the student. The money is issued primarily for tuition, but may be used for other educational expenses such as room and board.

APPLICANTS

- A. Applicants must be a resident of Maryland or a Maryland High School graduate.
- B. Applicants must be enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) in an institution of higher education that has an accredited program in the particular field of religious service.
- C. Applicants do not need to be full-time students but priority will be given to those students who plan to enter full-time religious service.
- D. Applicants will be judged on their scholarship, character, leadership qualities, and financial need.
- E. Applicants do not need to have a Masonic or Eastern Star affiliation.
- F. Eligibility will be determined by the ESTARL Committee and all decisions are final.
- G. **Applications are due by March 15.** Decisions are made in April and checks are mailed to the school over the summer.



ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
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STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: () Mr. () Ms. () Mrs. _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ How long have you been a Maryland resident? _____

Military Service (if applicable): _____

Present Church Affiliation & Address: _____

Pastor's Name, Phone & Email: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Name	Address	Type of Work	Length of Employment
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

MASONIC MEMBERSHIP (If applicable, provide organization name, location & dates of membership):

Your Membership: _____

Family Membership: _____

PARENT INFORMATION (If applicable, provide name and contact information):

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

High School Name & Address: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Current College/Program Name & Address: _____

Advisor Contact Information: _____

CAREER INFORMATION:

Type of Religious Leadership for Which You are Preparing: _____

Number of Years (including current) Required to Complete Your Training: _____

Type of Degree/Certificate You are Seeking: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Approximate Cost per Year for Schooling & Support: _____

Sources of Income and Financial Assistance: _____

Please include the following with this application:

1. A letter stating why you wish to enter into Religious Service.
2. A transcript of credits (high school or college) completed at the end of the first semester of the current year.
3. One letter of recommendation from a non-family member.

Deadline to apply is March 15.

Please send the completed application to:

Grand Chapter of Maryland ESTARL Committee
304 International Circle
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Questions? Contact the Grand Chapter Office 410-527-1333, grsec@gcoesmd.org