



MASONIC
CHILDREN &
FAMILY SERVICES
— OF TEXAS —

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Masonry has long prized education. Our Founding Fathers knew that this experiment in Democracy could only survive with a well-educated populace, and so when Texas gained its independence, the Masons would frequently stress the need for education. All the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Republic of Texas were Masons, and when Mirabeau B Lamar succeeded Sam Houston as President, he convinced the Congress of the Republic of Texas to set aside land in every county for public education as well as 50 leagues of land for the State which would become the Permanent University Fund for the University of Texas and Texas A&M University. For this, Brother Lamar has been considered the founder of public education in Texas. The Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas continues that tradition to this day by offering scholarships for the children of Texas to attend accredited colleges, universities, or approved trade schools.

Each scholarship this year will be in the amount of \$2500 deposited into the student's account at their college. Proof of registration for classes will be required before funds are deposited. These funds may be used for tuition and fees until the entire \$2500 is depleted, for no more than four years. If a student changes schools, remaining funds can be transferred; however, if a student drops out of schooling prior to using the whole amount, the remaining portion will be forfeited.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Career goals which will be enabled by higher education
- Community activities over the past few years
- Academic achievements
- School activities
- Financial need
- Employment experience
- Masonic Affiliations
- Services Previously Received from Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas
- Letters of Recommendation

A limited number of scholarships are available, and priority will be given to Masonic affiliation. Race or ethnic considerations are not asked for nor considered. Funding is not guaranteed and is based upon the availability of funds. The ultimate determination on the awarding of scholarships will be made by the Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas in its sole discretion.

Interested students are encouraged to submit applications by email to shannon@mcfstx.org or by mail to:

Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1240 Keller Pkwy, Suite 200
Keller, Tx 76248

Final deadline for receiving the application is April 30, 2023.

NOTES:

- a. **Incomplete applications cannot be considered. In addition to this form, please attach the one-page essay requested below in Section 5 along with two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, or other non-related adults.**
- b. **Students must graduate high school by the Spring or Summer of 2023.**
- c. **If a scholarship is awarded, students will later need to provide proof of registration for classes for the Fall 2023 semester in an accredited college or university, or an approved trade school. The Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas must specifically approve the use of funds for any trade school, and this can be the cause for denial of the funding of a scholarship.**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Masonic Affiliation (if any): Mason's Name _____ Relationship _____

Lodge name, number, and location _____

Other Masonic Affiliations (Rainbow, DeMolay, other, if any): _____

Chapter/Assembly name, number, and location: _____

Services previously received (if any) from Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas: _____

Approximate household annual income: _____

Number of household dependents: _____

Number of household dependents attending post-secondary school in 2023-24: _____

What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend? _____

Have you ever been convicted of, plead no contest to, or received deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor (this does not include traffic tickets)? _____ If so, please explain: _____

2. HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

What high school are/were you attending? _____

Class Ranking: Top Quartile 2nd Quartile 3rd Quartile Bottom Quartile

AP Credits (if any): _____

SAT Scores (if taken): Math _____ EBRW _____ Total _____

ACT Composite Score (if taken): _____

TSI Scores (if taken): _____

Industrial-based Certifications Earned (if any): _____

3. COLLEGE CREDITS ALREADY EARNED (if any)

College credits: _____ College cumulative GPA: _____ College/University: _____

4. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List memberships, offices held, and school years served in each school organization. _____

List participation in sports, band, clubs, or other activities and school years served in each activity.

List community involvement activities, offices, awards, etc. _____

List work experience, duration of employment, and number of hours worked per week while in school.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (any other information you would like us to consider – not required)

State briefly why you want to go to college and what you plan on doing with that education?

5. ESSAY

Please attach an essay of less than one page identifying a cause that you are passionate about.

6. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, or other non-related adults who knows you. Applications will not be considered without a letter of recommendation.

7. CERTIFICATION

I understand that if I am chosen to receive a scholarship, my final approval is contingent upon the completion of my high school requirements prior to August of 2023, and the enrolling and registering for classes at an accredited college, university, or approved trade school for the Fall semester of 2023. Proof of registration must be provided to Masonic Children & Family Services before funds can be released, and if I plan to attend a trade school, the Masonic Children & Family Services must approve of the trade school. If all of these requirements are not met, I will relinquish any right to this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of a Master Mason _____ Lodge _____ Date _____