

Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership
Grand Chapter of Arizona, Order of the Eastern Star

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GUIDELINES, RULES, and REGULATIONS for ESTARL APPLICANTS

1. Applicant must be a United States citizen, preferably a resident of Arizona, and must be in actual attendance and regularly enrolled student at an accredited institution of higher learning.
2. Applicant must be a member of a Church or Synagogue and have declared his/her intention to devote his/her life to full-time religious service in one of the following categories: Minister or Leader, Missionary, Director of Music, Director of Religious Education, or Counselor of Youth Leadership.
3. Applicant must have completed at least two full years of college, and pursued a course designated to qualify him/her for one of the professions listed above.
4. Applicant must submit completed Application Form, accompanied by a photograph, and a personal letter stating aim in life, desire for embarking on a career of religious work, and reason for financial assistance.
5. Applicant must submit a **current official transcript** that indicates current enrollment, grades and specific program requirements. This must be a sealed envelope from the school. Consideration for award can be affected by G.P.A.
 - a. Graduate students 3.0 GPA and 9 credits per semester unless indicated by program
 - b. Undergraduate students 2.5 GPA and 12 credits per semester
6. Applicant must be recommended by an Arizona Eastern Star Chapter and verified by Recommendation Form. It is not necessary to be a member, or a relative of a member, of this Order or any other Masonic group. Chapters need time to complete this, so it is recommended that you do this 60 days before the deadline.
7. Applicant must furnish letter of recommendation from a Pastor, or other religious leader, where he/she is a member. This letter should also verify the need for financial assistance.
8. Applicant must sign an agreement stating that if, after having been granted an ESTARL award, he/she does not become actively engaged in said vocation, within a period of two years following completion of the required course of study, that the money so awarded shall be considered a loan, and shall be paid back to the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Arizona. Applicant must keep the committee informed of their work during this time period.

*****All completed application forms, including personal letter, transcripts, 3 letters of recommendation, etc., must be on file with the ESTARL Committee by the required dates of June 15th or January 15th.**

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ARIZONA ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____
2. Email _____
3. Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
4. Permanent Address (if different) _____
5. Phone: Home _____ Cell/Work _____
6. Date of Birth _____ Location _____
7. Occupation _____
8. Activities/Hobbies _____
9. Parents' Names _____
10. Emergency Contact: Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ Phone Number _____
11. I am a member of _____ Church,
Located at _____
12. College/University, Divinity School & Denomination, Locations and Years Attended:

13. Name & Address of School of Religious Education in which you are or will enroll:

14. Total Credits Earned _____ Current GPA _____
15. Check Field of Religious Service You Will Enter:
Ministry _____ Missionary _____ Director of Church Music _____
Director of Religious Education _____ Counselor of Youth Leadership _____
16. Do you plan to make this your Life's Work? _____
17. Are you now or have you ever been recipient of an ESTARL Award? _____
18. Do you have any Masonic or Eastern Star Affiliation? (Not required to be eligible for award)
Explain: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Application Financial Agreement and Checklist

I, (print name): _____,

Hereby agree that if I am awarded an ESTARL Scholarship, I will remain in contact with the ESTARL Committee for a minimum of two years after completion of the required course of study. If during that period of time, I have not become actively engaged in said vocation, I will consider the money received through the ESTARL Fund to be a loan, and that I will repay the amount of the award to the Grand Chapter of Arizona, Order of the Eastern Star.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

If Applicant is under the age of 21: Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Phone Number _____ Date _____

Check-list of items that must be submitted by June 15th or January 15th for Complete Application:

- ___ 1. Application Form
- ___ 2. Financial Agreement Form
- ___ 3. Photograph – Close-up of Face, Minimum: 2 ½ in x 3 ½ in
- ___ 4. Official Transcript – Current (Must be a sealed envelope from the school. Include receipt if being sent directly from School to Address above)
- ___ 5. Personal Statement explaining (a) aim in life and desire for career in religious leadership, (b) how anyone can have a personal relationship with God, (c) role of religion in present day living, (d) how work of churches may be made more effective, and (e) how more young people may be encouraged to enter into religious service.
- ___ 6. Recommendation from Pastor or other Religious Leaders
- ___ 7. Recommendation from an Arizona Eastern Star Chapter

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Arizona Eastern Star Chapter Recommendation

_____ is applying for an Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, preferably from Arizona, and a member of a church. They must have completed two years of college and have need of financial assistance as they pursue a career in religious service.

Does any Chapter member know the applicant personally? Yes _____ No _____ Explain: _____

Is the applicant related to any Chapter Member? (This is not a requirement for Award.) Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what way: _____

Please evaluate applicant, stating Excellent, Good, Poor, No Opportunity to Observe, or Other Comments:

Health _____ Appearance _____

Dependability _____ Sense of Humor _____

Poise and Maturity _____ Cooperation _____

Relations with Others _____ Ease in Social Situations _____

Ethics _____ Potential for Success as Religious Leader _____

This Confidential statement of _____ Chapter No. _____ located in _____, Arizona, confirms the above applicant meets all requirements for Award.

Signatures of Two Members & Titles (minimum of one line Officer)

(Chapter Seal)

Date: _____

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Recommendation Form: to be completed by Applicant's Pastor or other Religious Leader

_____ is applying for an Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership. These Scholarships, amounting to several hundred dollars, are intended for young men and women preparing for a career in Ministry, Missionary, Director of Church Music, Director of Religious Education, or Counselor of Youth Leadership. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, preferably from Arizona, and a member of a church. They must have completed two years of college, and in need of financial assistance. Do you verify the applicant needs financial assistance? Yes _____ No _____

Please give brief facts concerning applicant, parents, and family.

Please list at least three of the strongest points that will help this applicant as a religious leader.

Please state reason the applicant is the kind of person who should be encouraged to go into Christian Service.

Please evaluate applicant; stating Excellent, Good, Poor, or No Opportunity to Observe, or other comments:

Character _____ Appearance _____

Emotional Balance _____ Sense of Humor _____

Poise _____ Cooperation _____

Sincerity _____ Integrity _____

Moral Courage _____ Dependability _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Position _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____