

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON
OR BEFORE
MAY 30, 2024 WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

Application for Post High School Educational Assistance

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey F&AM

WILLIAM MAYER MEMORIAL Education & Training Program

Partial reimbursement of qualifying tuition, books, and fees (but not room and board) paid by the student or the student's family is available for post high school study for up to two years in an accredited undergraduate collegiate or trade training program beginning in the fall of 2024. Eligible applicants include Master Masons in good standing in a New Jersey lodge for a minimum of the prior three years or the child, step-child, grandchild or step-grandchild, niece or nephew of a living or deceased Master Mason in good standing for a minimum of the prior three years in a Masonic Lodge under the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Annually up to three of these awards and when combined with the Graduate Program up to four combined awards may be granted each year.

The aid is payable in installments directly to the student following completion of each semester or similar period over which completion of courses is reported, upon submission to the scholarship committee of a bursar's statement of account or other receipt of payment for the applicable costs and a transcript or other interim report of progress toward completion of the program. Eligibility for further payments also requires maintaining a grade point average of or equivalent to a 2.50 on a 4.00 scale (C+). Any recipient failing to maintain the attendance and academic requirements shall not be reimbursed and shall be placed on probation for one additional period after which all unpaid past and future payments will be forfeited if eligibility has not been restored.

The amount of the award will be as specified by the selection committee, but in no case will the total award exceed \$2,000 a year or \$4,000 in total. Awarding and continuation of assistance within the eligibility specifications will not be affected by unlawful discrimination, but otherwise is entirely within the discretion of the selection and management committees. Taxes, if any, are the responsibility of the recipient. Before receiving any payment under this program you will be required to provide your tax ID information on IRS form W-9.

Completed applications must be received by the Masonic Charity Foundation on or before May 30, 2024 and must include the following:

- Statement of eligibility through qualifying Masonic relationship.
- Evidence of high school graduation or GED award and, if completed within the prior three years, a transcript.
- A statement of educational purpose and financial need written by the applicant.
- A copy of the FAFSA letter showing the estimated family contribution.
- Documentation of acceptance to and estimated costs for an accredited qualifying school.

Mail completed applications to:

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR
MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY
902 JACKSONVILLE ROAD
BURLINGTON, NJ 08016

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 609-239-3830

APPLICATION

Applicant Identification:

Name _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED OR THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Name of Sponsoring Mason
Last, First, Middle

Please provide the FULL LEGAL name of the Sponsoring Mason.

Relationship to Applicant

- ____ Myself
- ____ Father
- ____ Step-father
- ____ Grandfather
- ____ Step-Grandfather
- ____ Uncle (Brother of father, mother, step-father, or step-mother only)

I hereby affirm that the aforementioned Master Mason is/was in good standing in _____Lodge # _____ and that all information submitted with this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete.

Applicant's signature

DATED _____

Eligibility Confirmed by Grand Lodge? Yes _____ No _____

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

(Attach continuation sheets if needed)

Prior Education:

I did (or will) graduate from _____ high school in Month _____ Year _____

or obtained my GED on (date) _____ (If high school graduation was within the prior three years, enclose a copy of the final or most recent transcript. Otherwise provide a copy of your diploma or certificate.)

List any subsequent college or other post high school education underway or completed, including degrees or certifications earned.

Current Applications

I have applied for admission to the following schools or training programs

I have been accepted at and have or expect to commit to attend (list name and location of school and length of program – up to three if uncertain)

The annual tuition, fees, books, and supplies of the program is estimated to be

Resources

I have submitted a Free Application for Student Aid Application (FAFSA) and have received the attached response indicating an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of \$ _____, or

I have not submitted a FAFSA because _____

I have been awarded the following in scholarship grants or similar non-repayable educational assistance

I have access to the following funds available to cover the cost of this education which were not considered as part of the FAFSA application process.

Essay

Provide a typed essay of 300 to 1,000 words describing the program you plan to pursue, what improvements in your economic life or other ability to provide benefit to yourself, your family, and/or society will result from obtaining this education and training, challenges you face in doing so, the financial conditions affecting your ability to complete the program, and any other factors you feel will convince the scholarship committee to award you one of our available grants.

NOTE:

Taking personal responsibility for the quality of your efforts is a critical step in achieving future success. Completing this application is an opportunity to move in that direction. The committee may take into account the degree in which you have been responsive to its requirements and to the quality, grammatical accuracy, relevance, and clarity of your essay. Once submitted you will have no opportunity to make up for deficiencies.