THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE

OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Eligibility & Introduction:

The Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts is pleased to offer the opportunity for scholarship grants, which will help enable full-time undergraduate affordability in an accredited educational institution. Eligibility is limited to:

(1) a member in good standing of a Grand Lodge of Massachusetts constituent Lodge, or
(2) a child or a grandchild of a Master Mason who is or was a member in good standing of a constituent lodge of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
(3) A young man who is an active member of the Order of DeMolay in Massachusetts;
(4) An active member of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Massachusetts.

The granting of a scholarship will be based upon a combination of academic standing and achievements, financial need, and broad participation in community and/or school activities.

If granted, the scholarship will be for the upcoming academic year only. Scholarships are available for succeeding years and are based on your continued ability to meet eligibility requirements. A new application must be submitted each academic year to be considered. Having received a previous scholarship does not guarantee subsequent grants in the future.

The application must be completed in its entirety with each of the required items and additional materials to be considered. You must submit the application and the required support materials to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee, Office of the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, 186 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111-1014. Use the checklist included with this application to ensure that all items are submitted.

The Scholarship Committee must receive all applications no later than March 1, 2027. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Those awarded a scholarship will receive notification no later than June 30, 2027. *No communication will be sent to those who applied and were not selected.*

If a scholarship is granted, you must provide evidence of acceptance and matriculation into an accredited educational institution before receiving any funds. Acceptable documentation is a transcript with proof of enrollment issued by the educational institution. **IMPORTANT:** Funds are disbursed upon the **CONCLUSION** of each semester.

Scholarship recipients may be invited and encouraged to attend a recipients' reception. The Grand Lodge intends that the recipients view this reception as an opportunity to learn more about the Masonic fraternity in Massachusetts.

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2027/28 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

☐ FIRST TIME
(I did not receive a scholarship in 2023)

☐ RETURNING APPLICANT
(I did receive a scholarship in the previous year.)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Intended Field of Study: _____

Birthplace: _____ Birth Date: _____

Are you a resident of Bristol County, Massachusetts? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you a member of DeMolay or Rainbow? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what Chapter/Assembly: _____

List office(s) held: _____ Honors: _____

Are you a Master Mason? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, what Lodge?:_____

List offices held: _____

Family Information

Father: _____ Living ☐ Deceased ☐

Is your Father a Master Mason? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, what Lodge?: _____

List offices held and honors received: _____

Mother: _____ Living ☐ Deceased ☐

Parent's Marital Status: Together ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

DUE DATE: MARCH 1, 2027

APPLICANT NAME: _____

Is your Grandfather a Master Mason? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, what Lodge?: _____

Grandfather's Name: _____ Living ☐ Deceased ☐
(Only complete if your Grandfather was a Master Mason)

List offices held or honors received: _____

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

Date	Name of School	City & State

List all School & Community Activities not included on your transcript – *(A separate sheet attached to this form is highly recommended.)*

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List total number of children dependent on parents/guardians: *(Include yourself, brother(s) and sister(s) starting with the oldest)*

Name	Age	School Attending	Employed

WORK EXPERIENCE – Include part-time during the school year and seasonal/summer employment

Employment		Year		Hrs/Wks	
Employment		Year		Hrs/Wks	
Employment		Year		Hrs/Wks	

DUE DATE: MARCH 1, 2027

APPLICANT NAME: _____

EDUCATIONAL PLANS

If not presently attending college, complete Section A. (Please indicate which school you plan on attending with asterisks.) If already attending college, complete Section B.

A. Schools Applied To	Field of Study	Degree	Anticipated Acceptance Date

B. School Attending	Field of Study	Degree	Anticipated Year of Graduation

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT: Please include all of the following:

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): Please attach a signed copy of the FAFSA's Page 1, ensuring it displays the SAI number. *(The Form does change from year to year. We would like the page that shows the SAI number.)* Do not include tax forms for yourself or your parents. However, you are welcome to include any other pertinent supporting documents related to your FAFSA.

Student's Statement: Provide a typed sheet detailing your expected college expenses, personal aspirations, achievements, and the rationale for considering this application. Within this statement:

- List key courses you've taken over the past four years.
- Highlight your most significant extracurricular activities and explain their importance to you.
- Discuss your strategy for managing college tuition costs.
- Optionally, elaborate on any unique financial or other circumstances that might influence the assessment of your application.

Parent's Statement: Submit a separate typed sheet outlining the reasons this application should be taken into account. Your statement should:

- Describe the extent of financial support you can offer the applicant.
- Discuss any atypical family financial situations or any other pertinent details.
- State why you believe your child deserves a scholarship from The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Name, address, relationship, and phone number of nearest relative not living with the student:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone No.: _____

☐ I authorize the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee and its employees to speak with my parents or legal guardians regarding my scholarship and financial aid.

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Print Name

_____ _____
Signature of Father or Legal Guardian Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian

_____ _____
Print Name Print Name

All information received by the Scholarship Committee will be kept strictly confidential.
Applications may not be submitted via email.

DUE DATE: MARCH 1, 2027

Application Checklist

Application form

- ❑ Completed application form. Do not omit any requested information. Make sure you and your parents sign the form.
- ❑ Submit an original application.
- ❑ **Deadline for receipt of the application is March 1, 2027. Applications may NOT be submitted via email.**

Financial disclosure statement

- ❑ Include a complete **signed** copy of the latest FAFSA, Page 1. *(Page 1 usually includes your SAI Number. We do not need the entire form, only the summary with the SAI Number.)* You may include any additional information that will enable the committee to evaluate the specific financial need fully. You are not required to submit yours or your parents' tax forms.

- ❑ A written statement outlining your anticipated college expenses and how you anticipate paying these costs.

Academic history

- ❑ **You must submit your high school transcript** if you are applying as an entering freshman (*updated transcripts with mid-year grades and a final transcript may be required if you receive a scholarship, and the scholarship may be withdrawn if there is a substantial change in your school record of achievement*). College Board SAT or ACT scores are optional.

- ❑ **You must submit your college transcript** if you are currently enrolled in a college or university. You are not required to submit your high school transcript. *Official transcripts are not required with the application; an "unofficial" copy will suffice. If you are granted a scholarship, no funds will be made available until proof of enrollment is provided (see instructions).*

Recommendations *(Not required for renewal applicants.)*

- ❑ Current Recommendation from two teachers or counselors.

- ❑ Current Recommendation from one non-school, unrelated individual or employer.

Student's and Parents statement

- ❑ Personal typed letter to the Scholarship Committee indicating your goals, accomplishments, and reasons you should be considered for a scholarship (see the previous page for a full description).

- ❑ Statement of parent or guardian indicating why he/she believes you should be considered for a scholarship (see the previous page for a full description).

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