

MASONIC LODGE #7
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION
MATAGORDA, TEXAS

Matagorda's Masonic Lodge #7 of Texas will provide scholarships to outstanding students residing in Matagorda County who have a parent, grandparent or legal guardian that is or was a member of Masonry in good standing.

Each separate scholarship will be awarded to deserving and qualified applicants meeting the Committee's minimum requirements.

Candidates will be confined to those who are presently enrolled, or will be enrolled, in coursework leading to a college degree. There are no stipulations placed on the type of degree, which may be sought.

Selection of the scholarship will be based on scholastic achievement, career goals, leadership and the family's association with Masonry.

To be eligible, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

Definition of DIRECT DESCENDANT for this application - a child whose FATHER or GRANDFATHER (only 2 generations accepted), is/was a Master Mason in good standing.

1. be a legal resident of Matagorda County, or a direct descendant of or under the guardianship of a member of Matagorda Masonic Lodge #7.
2. be a high school student who will graduate by the spring or summer of the year they apply and will enter college the fall of the same year, **OR** currently be enrolled as a full-time college student,
3. be a direct descendant or under the guardianship of a direct descendant of a Master Mason (AF & AM),
4. a college student who has been previously awarded this Masonic scholarship.
5. Candidates are only eligible to receive this scholarship a total of three (3) times.

The minimum scholastic rating for consideration of a scholarship will be:

High School Seniors – after completion of the first (1st) semester of the senior year the student may submit an application to the committee to be considered.

College Students – should have an overall grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 Grade point system for all coursework taken previous to their submitting a scholarship application (however, the committee will consider each applicant on an Individual basis).

Candidates must have their completed applications turned in to the committee no later than **April 1st** of the year in which they are applying.

The committee will make the final approval of each scholarship winner prior to May 10th of the year in which the student applies.

It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to notify the Lodge Committee with proof of their full-time enrollment to an accredited university, college or junior college for the upcoming fall and/or spring semesters or quarters, depending on the structure of the school's calendar. Failures to enroll on full time basis will automatically make the student ineligible to receive payment and the money will remain in the scholarship fund or be awarded to runners-up. Scholarships are awarded in **May** and must be claimed by September 1st. ***If Proof of Enrollment is not received by the lodge prior to the 1st of September, the applicant will forfeit eligibility and the funds will be granted to another student.***

A candidate may re-apply each year as an applicant for the scholarship, even if they (1) are previous recipients or (2) have been turned down previously by the Lodge Scholarship Committee. Each candidate is eligible to receive this scholarship a total of 3 times.

All applicants will be given equal consideration regardless of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin. **All Lodge Decisions Are Final. No Appeals will be accepted.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

Note – Applications <u>not</u> fully completed will be dismissed.
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High School Seniors Must Submit the Following Items:

1. Fully completed and signed applicant form.
2. High School Transcript with class ranking.
3. SAT &/or ACT scores.
4. A typewritten narrative detailing: career goals; relevant activities which support these goals; and why this scholarship is desired.
5. Three letters of recommendation from non-family members. *Letters must be current.*

Note: Narrative and reference letters are extremely important in the selection process.

Current College Student Applicants must submit the following Items:

1. Fully completed and signed applicant form.
2. A typewritten narrative detailing: career goals, relevant activities supporting these goals, a short summary of your recent semester, and why this scholarship is desired.
3. Three letters of recommendation from non-family members. *Letters must be current.*

Note: Narrative and reference letters are extremely important in the selection process.

**MATAGORDA MASONIC LODGE #7
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Application Must be Completely Filled Out & In Detail

Year: _____ Phone Number: _____

1. Applicant: _____
(Give Name in Full)

2. Home Address: _____
(Street or rural route) (City) (State) (Zip)

3. How long have you lived in Matagorda County? _____

4. Place and date of birth: _____

5. Name or High School attended: _____ City: _____

6. List all extra curricular activities (clubs, church, athletics, etc.)

Date of High School Graduation: _____ # in High School Class _____
(High School Seniors Only)

*Class Ranking: _____ GPA: _____
(High School Seniors-Verified by official transcript) (College Students Only)

*Your rank after completion of the first semester of your senior year (1st, 5th, etc), if still in high school. In order to qualify, STUDENT MUST SHOW PROOF OF CLASS RANK (high school), or be enrolled in COLLEGE AND CARRYING A 2.5 GPA ON SCALE OF 4.0 POINTS. (The Masonry Advisory Committee will consider all applicants on an individual basis.)

7. Have you been accepted to, or are presently enrolled in an accredited college? Yes No

(Name of Jr. College, 4 yr. College or University) (city)

8. Name and address of parents, grandparents or guardian:

Parents, grandparents or legal guardian's association with Masonry & **Relationship:**

(Name of relative in Masonry)

(relationship – father, grandfather, or guardian)

Location and # of Lodge & number of years in Masonry

Complete the Following Checklist Before Returning This Application:

1. Official High School or Official College Transcript..... _____.
2. Letter of Acceptance or Proof of Present Enrollment..... _____.
3. Typewritten Narrative..... _____.
4. Three Letters of Recommendation..... _____.
5. All Required Signatures..... _____.

Please examine this application to verify that it is accurate and complete. Sign Below

Applicant

Date

Parent, grandparent or guardian

Date

High School Principal

Date

- or -

College Counselor

Date

Remember! All applications must be fully completed and returned by April 1st.

Return to: Matagorda Masonic Lodge #7

P.O. Box 31

Matagorda, Texas 77457