## ST. JAMES GRAND LODGE EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.



Grant Application 2023

#### Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the St. James Grand Lodge Education and Scholarship Fund, Inc. Scholarship Program. This program is funded by The Most Worshipful St. James Grand Lodge which was founded on September 30, 1936. The Education and Scholarship Fund has been helping college students achieve their dreams for over 10 years. This scholarship program is available to all undergraduate students attending a post-secondary institution beginning in the fall of the current year. (This application is ONLY for students who are either relatives or members of the households of members of St. James Grand Lodge or Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter.)

Applicants must meet ALL eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Checks will be distributed from St. James Grand Lodge and made payable to scholarship recipients. All submissions must be electronic; paper submissions will NOT be considered. Please make a copy of this document and electronically submit completed application packets to: mwsjgl.qbgc.edscholarship@gmail.com. Completed application packets must be received via email no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on August 1, 2023.

Award letters will be forwarded to recipients only by *November 1, 2023 and checks will be disbursed by December 15, 2023.* 

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- High School Senior or Undergraduate College Student
- Minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5/4.0 scale or 4.0/5.0 scale
- Planning to attend or Attending a post-secondary, accredited institution for the entire academic year

#### **Application Packet Contents**

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Submission of two (2) letters of recommendation from instructors or school officials on official school letterhead.
- Copy of academic transcripts (unofficial transcripts will be accepted)
- Write a 750 to 1000 Word Essay (choose one of the following topics):
  - Describe the activities you have done in the past year that have made a difference in your community.
  - How has the Social Justice Movement impacted your choices for education and career?

#### **Award Requirements**

Once notified of their selection, recipients must complete and forward the following items to St. James Grand Lodge by the specified due dates:

• Scholarship Acceptance Agreement (Electronically submitted no later than November 15, 2023)

Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
	Academic Profile
Name of High School:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	
Date of High School Graduation:	
Name of College:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	
Grade Point Average (GPA): (please list the scale – 4.0 or 5.0)	
Major/Field of Study:	

Fall 2023 classification				
(please circle one:)	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION**

**DIRECTIONS:** Please list and describe your community service activities. If you run out of space, you may attach an additional sheet of paper.

Name of Organization	Activities Completed
SCH	OLARSHIP INFORMATION
How will this scholarship further ye	our academic career?
Are you the beneficiary of any other sch	olarship awards this year? YES NO
If yes please list the source and the	

If so please list them and the amount of years they can be renewed.				
CAREER INFORMATION				
Briefly state your short-term career goals				
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How will your stated career choice benef	it your community?			
SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION				
MWSJGL/QBGC Member Name:				
MWSJGL/QBGC Lodge/Chapter Name:				
Relationship to MWSJGL/QBGC Member:				

#### **ESSAY COMPONENT**

Please complete a 750 to 1000 Word Essay. Choose <u>ONE</u> of the following prompts; you may attach an additional sheet if more space is needed.

• Describe the activities you have done in the past year that have made a difference in your

- community.
- How has the Social Justice Movement impacted your choices for education and career?

#### APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I have read and understood the application and confirm that the information I have given is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as a part of this application will result in disqualification.

If selected as a scholarship recipient, I grant permission for my information, name and/or picture to be used in press releases sent to various media outlets, identifying me as a recipient of a St. James Grand Lodge Education and Scholarship Fund Inc., grant.

Any monies awarded through this fund and its selection process will be submitted directly to the scholarship recipient. There will be no exceptions to this policy. All entries become the property of St. James Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. The committee's decisions are final.

Signed		Date	
	(Applicant)		
Signed		Data	
Signed	(Parent or Guardian)	Date	
Internal Use	Only: Award Amount: \$	Reviewed by:	

### **FINAL CHECKLIST:**

# BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING:



- ☐ Completed Scholarship Application
- ☐ Two (2) letters of recommendation from instructors or school officials on official school letterhead.
- ☐ Copy of academic transcripts (unofficial transcripts will be accepted)
- □ 750 to 1000 Word Essay choosing **ONE** of the following subjects:
  - □ "Describe the activities you have done in the past year that have made a difference in your community."
  - ☐ "How has the Social Justice Movement impacted your choices for education and career?"

If you have any questions, please contact the St. James Grand Lodge Education and Scholarship Committee by email at mwsjgl.qbgc.edscholarship@gmail.com.