

Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star ESTARL application
ESTARL: Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership

REQUIRMENTS

1. Must have had at least three (3) years of post-secondary education with satisfactory scholastic standing in an accredited institution.
2. The official application form and financial statement must be properly filled out and returned to the President of the Educational Board shown below, no later than June 15th of the year in which the award is applied for.
3. At least (3) three character references with letters of recommendation are required. (One from a minister or church leader and one from an Eastern Star member or a Mason.) These are to be sent to the President of the Education Board no later than June 30th the year the award is requested.
4. An official transcript of college credits must be submitted to the Board by the end of the current school year. However, the applicant may send a student copy with their completed application, but must inform the college to send an official copy no later than June 30 to the name listed below (President of the Educational Board) the year the award is requested.
5. The applicant must be a resident of Iowa. Attending school outside of the state does not negate residency. If the applicant was a resident of Iowa before attending school or her/his parents are Iowa residents, this constitutes residency.
6. The applicant need not be of Eastern Star member or a Mason.
7. Application form should be typewritten or printed neatly.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT:

1. Complete the application form in full.
2. Request your transcripts be mailed. These should be mailed as soon as possible after completion of the last semester or quarter of the academic year. These must be received by June 30th of the year the award is requested to be considered at our July meeting. This is most important.
3. Contact the parties listed as references asking that they send letters of recommendation as soon as convenient, but before the June 30th deadline. Please designate which one is an Eastern Star or a Mason.
4. The application, transcripts, and any correspondence should be sent to:
Bill Howie, President
Eastern Star Educational Board
1026 16th Street, PO Box 952
Manson, IA 50563
e-mail: bhowie1026@gmail.com

Since the grants will be sent directly to the applicant, it is of utmost importance that the Board knows your summer address and phone number, in the event you need to be contacted. Especially if it is different from the address listed on the application. This is to be put at the bottom of the application form. The current address is under the applicant's name at the top. A considerable expense has been incurred because of extra postage, phone calls, and sending and receiving FAX Information before the deadline date. You can help eliminate this and it will be appreciated.

NOTE: The Order of the Eastern Star does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, or religious beliefs, in the administration of this scholarship program.

Awards are made only to students preparing for leadership in a field or fields of religious service, as that of a minister, missionary, director of church music, youth leadership, religious education, and other types of full-time Christian service.

The Educational Board of Iowa Grand Chapter meets in July to determine awards for the year. Your application and as much information relevant to it, must be received before the June 15th deadline date.

If you receive an award, you will be notified as soon as possible after our July meeting. The awards and checks will be mailed directly to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the board member listed above.

✓ Checklist for ESTARL applications:

Due Dates:	
Applications	June 15
Reference letters	June 30
Grade transcripts	June 30

This is a checklist for the applicant to track that all information is being submitted. It does not need to be sent in with application.

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- Application completed in FULL
 - Financial statement -- this is part of application
 - Applicant's personal statement
 - Post-secondary education -- min of 3 yrs
 - Letter of reference - 1 of 3
 - Letter of reference - 2 of 3 (minister or church leader)
 - Letter of reference - 3 of 3 (Masonic or OES)
 - transcript of college grade for most recent completed yr
 - resident of Iowa (can attend out of State)
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Application for ESTARL Award

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Current Address: _____

Email: _____ Your age _____ Phone # _____

Iowa address (required to show residency in Iowa): _____

Summer address where you can be reached after our July Board meeting _____

Have you previously received an ESTARL grant? If yes, year(s) & amount(s): _____

College name/address you are currently attending & anticipated graduation date: _____

Colleges you have attended: (include Name / Location / Yrs Attended / Degree (date rec'd) / GPA):

Total accumulated # of credit hours, including current year (indicate current qtr or semester): _____

College honors received and/or college student offices held: _____

Religious work while in college or seminary: _____

Goals of your religious training: _____

Married: ____ Ages of Children: _____ Total # you are responsible for supporting (include self) ____

Spouse name, contact info and occupation: _____

Father's name / address / phone # / occupation; retired; deceased : _____

Mother's name / address / phone # / occupation; retired; deceased : _____

Your church affiliation: _____

List any relatives who are members of Order of Eastern Star or Masonic Lodge (it is NOT a requirement that you have a family connection to the Order): _____

How did you hear about our ESTARL Award? _____

We appreciate publicity about our ESTARL program. Please list name, address, phone #, email address of person who will take responsibility of seeing that a press release is in your local paper(s) if you receive a grant: _____

Financial Statement

Please be as accurate as you can – do NOT exceed 1 (one) academic year

COSTS:

Tuition / fees _____

Spouse Tuition / fees _____

Books / Supplies _____

Room &/or Board _____

Housing/Food/Clothing _____

Utilities _____

Transportation _____

Medical / Dental _____

Debt repayment (annual) _____

Other expenses _____

TOTAL COSTS: _____

RESOURCES:

Aid from applicant's family _____

Applicant's wages, after taxes _____

Wages of spouse, after taxes _____

Social Security benefits _____

Veterans benefits _____

Scholarships (identify below) _____

Loans (identify below) _____

Savings _____

Other resources (identify) _____

TOTAL RESOURCES: _____

Have you applied for, or do you plan to apply for, any other scholarship awards? List name/amount:

How do you plan to pay your expenses not covered by awards or scholarships? _____

Please write a short statement, which includes the following:

- ❖ **Why you should receive an ESTARL award.**
- ❖ **What use you expect to make of this training.**
- ❖ **Other information the Board should consider.**