



# GRAND LODGE OF IOWA MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS



The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., located at 813 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, will be awarding twenty-five scholarships (15 - \$5000 scholarships and 10- \$2500 scholarships) to high school seniors who will graduate during the 2024-2025 academic year from a public high school within the state of Iowa.

These scholarships are designed to assist graduating seniors in pursuing a post-secondary education in any state at an accredited institution which provides either a two year or a four-year degree. The scholarships may be used for any bona fide school related expense such as tuition, fees, and books.

Applicants are not required to have a Masonic connection, however, please indicate in your personal resume if you do have a Masonic connection. Race, creed, religion, color, sex, or national origin have no bearing in the selection process. Recipients are selected after completing a comprehensive written application and an in-depth personal interview.

A broad-based criterion is used in the selection process. The principal criterion is the applicant's ability to demonstrate service in their school and community with special emphasis on leadership roles in these areas. The Grand Lodge of Iowa is looking for those students who exhibit the greatest potential to be not only of service to their communities following the completion of their education but also future leaders in these communities. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, need for financial assistance and the recommendation/evaluation of the applicant by a school official will all be considered by the selection committee. The organization, appearance, and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

From all the applications received, the Scholarship Selection Committee will select several finalists who will be asked to appear before the committee for a personal interview. These interviews will be conducted via Zoom Video Conferencing in late March. Upon completion of the interviews, the committee will then select those who will receive scholarships.

Public high school seniors who feel they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection are invited to submit applications. Application information may be obtained through the guidance department of any public high school and must be received via email by the Grand Lodge Office no later than February 1, 2025, to be considered by the committee.

Questions regarding applications and the scholarship program should be directed to the:

**Scholarship Selection Committee  
Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. and A.M.  
P.O. Box 279  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-0279  
Phone: 319-365-1438  
e-mail: [scholarships@gl-iowa.org](mailto:scholarships@gl-iowa.org)  
[www.grandlodgeofiowa.org](http://www.grandlodgeofiowa.org)**

For Office Use Only:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_



## GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A.F. & A.M. MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



***This application must be received no later than  
FEBRUARY 1, 2025***

To the Applicant:

Before completing this application, read the informational page which specifies the criteria for both eligibility and selection. Since the members of the Scholarship Selection Committee have not met you and have only this application by which to evaluate you, carefully consider the content and completeness of your responses to the information being sought.

Additional pages of narrative or supporting documentation can be added to any section. This may include copies of newspaper clippings, photos, letters of recommendation from people within your school and/ or community, and other materials which will give the Committee a better insight into you, your school, and your community activities. Do not submit materials you expect to be returned.

You **MUST** sign and date your application **at the bottom of this page** for your application to be complete and valid.

All applications shall be emailed to: [scholarships@gl-iowa.org](mailto:scholarships@gl-iowa.org)

### I. Identification Data

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Nine-Digit Zip Telephone with Area Code

Applicant's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's High School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Nine-Digit Zip Telephone with Area Code

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

## II. Academic Record:

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Number in Class \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score (if taken) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score (if taken) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken \_\_\_\_\_

Date when the above information was compiled. \_\_\_\_\_

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a **current certified transcript of your credits signed by a school official and embossed with official seal** by **February 1, 2025**. If this information is not postmarked by this date, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. If your school does not provide certified transcripts until after graduation, the transcript must be sent directly by the school with a letter stating the school policy.

## III. Personal Resumé:

Write about yourself, your home, family, interests, and your future educational or vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual. Please indicate in this section if you have any Masonic connections. Do not include information requested in other sections of this application.

**Please answer the following questions:**

**IV. Need for Financial Assistance.** Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. Relate any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

**V. School Activities.** List those high school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the symbols 9, 10, 11, 12. Then list any leadership positions you may have held in this activity and indicate the grade (9, 10, 11, 12) when the position was held. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities.

**VI. Community Service.** Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. **Silver Cord recipients, please list the activities that qualified you for this award.** Indicate any leadership roles you may have had in this area. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

**VII. Evaluation by School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, or Counselor).**

School Official Providing Evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

Title of School Official \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for the Evaluator.** Provide the following information, if known, about the applicant on official school stationery and either include the letter with the application or email it to the Grand Lodge office ([scholarships@gl-iowa.org](mailto:scholarships@gl-iowa.org)) by **February 1, 2025**. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed. Include the name of the applicant in the email subject line.

1. Personal attributes
2. Abilities, talents, and interests
3. Scholarship, study habits, and probable success in college or vocational school
4. Home and family
5. Need for financial assistance
6. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) which should be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee