

Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation Educational Endowment Fund



2024 Scholarship Application Information



Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2024.

*Please note that many scholarships in the **Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide** require the filing of a separate application. Read each scholarship description carefully. Contact information is included in each award description, and can be used to obtain additional application materials, where required.*

1. You must use the official 2024 application. Applications from previous years will NOT be considered. We will penalize or disqualify late applications.
2. You may obtain the current application by requesting one from our office or from our website at www.pmyf.org by clicking the "Scholarships" button.
3. We **STRONGLY** prefer that you type your application. Both a blank printable form and a fill-in form are available on our website. Applications and supporting materials must be submitted via mail. Online submissions will not be accepted.
4. The **ONLINE FILL-IN APPLICATION**:
 - a. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to open and fill-in the form. Version 5.0 or higher is recommended.
 - b. You will be able to type and print your application with the free version of Acrobat, but you will NOT be able to save your work, unless you are running the full commercial version.
5. Complete all information. Where needed, mark items as "Not Applicable" rather than leaving blanks. Although we welcome supplementary material in the form of attached documents, do not substitute attachments for completing sections of the application. We will not contact you for information not included in your application.
6. Be sure to **include all required attachments**. Use the checklist provided with the application. It is recommended to collect all necessary materials in advance. While we allow items, such as transcripts, to be mailed directly from your institution, we may not accept these items if they arrive late. **We will not consider incomplete applications.**
7. Check your work. Your neatness and correctness will be considered.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Educational Endowment Fund of the PA Masonic Youth Foundation, an applicant must be a member in good standing of a Pennsylvania Masonic Lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, his child, step-child, grandchild, step-grandchild, sibling or dependent (IRS definition) (or one who was in good standing at the time of his death); **OR** a present or former member in good standing of one of the Pennsylvania Masonic-related youth groups; **OR** a resident or graduate of the Pennsylvania Masonic Homes for Children. The applicant must be a High School graduate, or a High School Senior who is pursuing higher education. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA to be considered. This grant is only applicable to undergraduate tuition and fees.

FINANCIAL NEED

While we recognize that college is expensive for even the highest income families, we have based our financial need standards on the range of incomes of our applicants. If your household has a large income, relative to the number of people in it, you should not expect to receive an award. We do consider special financial circumstances if you make us aware of them.

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This is a highly competitive grant program and cannot be given to all that apply. Please type application or print in ink. Do not use pencil. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.*** Applications ***will not be considered*** without each of these items:

1. All pages of this application, with complete information. Be sure to sign and date the application on the last page. Original transcript or certified school copy of your most recent completed academic year (high school or college.) Digitally authenticated transcripts, emailed directly from the issuing institution, are acceptable. If you are in your first year of college, please include a transcript of your first semester's grades in addition to that of your last completed academic year.
2. Copy of pages 1 and 2 of **your** most recent U. S. Individual Income Tax Return, IRS Form 1040, 1040A or 1040 EZ. Also, a copy of the same for **your parent** or guardian, if you are claimed by them as a legal dependent. If the current year return has not yet been filed, a copy of the immediately preceding year's return will be sufficient. Please do not send accompanying tax schedules. They are NOT necessary. If you are under the age of 22 and not claimed as a dependent, you must attach an explanation.
3. A copy of the current dues card of your Masonic relative, or, a letter of certification from the Lodge Secretary or Worshipful Master of the Lodge of your brother, father, step-father, grandfather or legal guardian; or a letter from your Masonic-related youth group leader, certifying eligibility; or documentation showing your connection to the Masonic Homes for Children of Pennsylvania. THIS IS NOT A LETTER OF REFERENCE. IT ONLY VERIFIES THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA. If you cannot provide this proof of eligibility, include a separate written statement explaining why you cannot do this.
4. Properly labeled pages containing the completion of any answers in this application, and any additional information you would like the committee to consider.

Mail completed applications to:
Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation
1244 Bainbridge Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9423

We appreciate your interest in the scholarship program of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation. It is a competitive program with a limited number of awards granted to those who meet the necessary criteria, show academic promise, and financial need, and properly complete the application. ***Please follow all instructions.*** As a courtesy, all applicants will be notified by mail prior to June 1 whether or not a scholarship will be awarded to them. All information is provided for the sole use of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation Educational Endowment Committee. It is retained in a secure location, and ultimately destroyed to preserve your privacy.

*Note: it is the policy of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation to issue checks payable both to the winners **and the school**, upon proof of enrollment provided.*

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SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone Number: (____) ____ - ____ Alt. Phone: (____) ____ - ____

E-mail Address: _____

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ (MM/DD/YYYY) Age: _____

Are you a current resident of Pennsylvania? Yes No

If not currently, have you ever been a resident of Pennsylvania? Yes No

Number of Years as a Resident: _____

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Educational Endowment Fund of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, an applicant must meet the basic eligibility guidelines as outlined in the Application Information on page 1 of this document. Applicant must be a High School graduate, or a High School Senior who is pursuing higher education. This grant is only applicable to undergraduate tuition and fees.

Name of Masonic Relative: _____ Relationship: _____

PA Lodge Name: _____ Lodge Number: _____

Is your father a Deceased Pennsylvania Mason? Yes No

Are you a member of a Masonic-related youth group? Yes No

Are you a resident or graduate of the Pennsylvania Masonic Children's Home?
 Yes No

Is your field of study related to being a first responder? Yes No

Attachment Required: Certification of eligibility

Attach **one** of the following: A copy of your Masonic relative's current Blue Lodge dues card, **OR** a letter of certification from the Lodge Secretary or Worshipful Master of the Lodge of your Masonic relative, stating that he is a member in good standing or was in good standing at the time of his death; **OR** a letter from your Masonic-related youth group leader certifying that you are a member in good standing. THIS IS NOT A LETTER OF REFERENCE. IT ONLY VERIFIES THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA. If you cannot append one of these, include a separate written statement explaining why you cannot do this.

Check here if attached.

SECTION 3: ACADEMICS

Name of High School Attended: _____

Address: _____

Were you selected as a Salutatorian Valedictorian?

Year Graduated: _____ Class Rank: _____ No. of Students: _____

Are you attending a:

College University Business School Trade School

Name of Institution: _____

Address: _____

Class in which you will be enrolled as of the Fall 2023 semester: (check one)

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Current Student Status at College: (check one)

Full Time Part Time Enrolled for next academic year.

Major Course of Study: _____

Minor Course(s) of Study: _____

Do you anticipate transferring or attending a post-secondary school different than the one listed above? Yes No

If yes, list name of post-secondary school: _____

Grade Point Average: Please provide your cumulative grade point average for your last COMPLETED academic year (as of June): (For example: if you are a High School Senior, provide the G.P.A. from your Junior Year.) Transcripts enclosed MUST evidence this.

NOTE: MUST EQUAL OR EXCEED 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (75%).

Current G.P.A.: _____ on a scale of _____

Academic Organizations

Is the National Honor Society available at your High School? Yes No

Are you a member of the National Honor Society? Yes No

If you hold an office in the National Honor Society, list it here: _____

List other academic honor societies and academic school clubs in which you hold membership (non-academic clubs are to be included in Section 6: Extracurricular Activities):

Personal Goals Essay

Please state your primary educational and lifetime goals, in your own words, in paragraph form, using 50 to 100 words.

Personal Experiences Essay

Who is the one person in your life who has been your biggest influence and why?

Attachment Required: Original transcript

Original transcript or certified school copy of your most recent completed academic year. (High school or college.) If you are in your first year of college, please **ALSO** include a transcript of your first semester's grades. Digitally authenticated transcripts, emailed directly from the issuing institution, are acceptable. Please email to scholarships@pmyf.org.

- Check here when attached.
- Check here if school will be sending transcripts.

SECTION 4: FINANCIAL NEED

Do not leave any lines blank. If financial information is not available, provide a reasonable estimate.

Personal and Family Contributions to your Education

Savings and Investments: _____

Monies earned by working during the summer: _____

Monies earned by working during school the year: _____

How much will your parents/guardians contribute? _____

**Attachment Required: Original transcript
Educational Expenses**

Cost of Tuition: _____

Transportation: _____

Cost of Room and Board: _____

Cost of Books and Supplies: _____

Other Expenses: _____

Total of All Expenses: _____

List financial aid (scholarships and grants but not loans) that you have been approved to receive for the next academic term.

List any other expected sources of grant assistance or loans:

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List names of dependent children in the family (other than applicant) who are CURRENTLY ENROLLED in a *post-secondary school*. (Do not list private elementary or high schools.)

Name: _____ School Attending: _____

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Attachment Required: Individual Income Tax Return

In order to receive consideration, you **MUST** attach a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your most recently **completed** US Individual Income Tax Return (Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ) **and, if you are claimed by them as a dependent, that of your parent or guardian**. All information will be held confidential, for the exclusive use of the Educational Endowment Fund Committee and will be destroyed at the conclusion of the selection process. No application will be considered without this information.

Check here when attached.

If you are under the age of 22, and not claimed as a dependent, you must attach an explanation.

Check here when attached (if applicable.)

You may ATTACH A STATEMENT providing any additional explanation of your finances that you feel might help the committee understand your current need.

Check here when attached.

SECTION 5: FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

Are you (the applicant) a Pennsylvania Mason? Yes No

If yes, PA Lodge name and number: _____

Are you now, or were you, upon reaching your majority, a member in good standing of any of these Masonic Youth Groups?

- DeMolay Rainbow for Girls Job's Daughters
 Knights of Pythagoras Ruth Mitchell Tucker Girls Youth Department

Group Name and Number: _____

Have you served any of the above organizations in the capacities below:

Have you served as a local elected officer? Yes No

Have you served as a local presiding officer? Yes No

Have you served as an appointed state level officer? Yes No

Have you served as an elected state level officer? Yes No

Have you served as a state level presiding officer? Yes No

Have you served as a national officer? Yes No

Please list the highest office attained at each of the levels below:

Local: _____

State: _____

National: _____

Please list any fraternal honors, awards, or citations received:

SECTION 6: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES

List memberships in non-academic clubs, civic activities, community, political and religious organizations:

Please list your accomplishments in these organizations (such as serving as an officer, receiving awards and honors, or other achievements.)

You may ATTACH A STATEMENT providing any additional details of Your Other Activities.

Check here when attached.

SECTION 7: CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information contained herein, or attached, is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I have made no effort to hide pertinent information from the committee.

Signature of Applicant Date

Where did you find out about this scholarship program? (Check all that apply)

- Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide The PA Freemason magazine
- Parents Grandparents Masonic Youth Group Leader
- School Guidance Counselor Other: _____