



The Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation
Educational Endowment Fund
and the



Ephrata Lodge No. 665, of Free and Accepted Masons

2026 APPLICATION

for the

EPHRATA LODGE No. 665 EDUCATIONAL GRANT

The Ephrata Lodge No. 665 educational grant is focused on supporting you who demonstrate aptitude, accomplishment and future focus on being successful leaders in their community.

and the

W. FRANK BOLSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The W. Frank Bolster Memorial Scholarship is focused on scholastic aptitude and accomplishment.

To be eligible to receive this grant or scholarship, an applicant must be a resident of the Ephrata, Cocalico, Garden Spot or Warwick school districts, or anyone sponsored by a member of Ephrata Lodge, enrolled in a post-secondary school, either full or part-time. An application for one grant/scholarship is automatically considered for both awards.

THE SAME APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR BOTH PROGRAMS.

TYPED APPLICATIONS ARE PREFERRED.

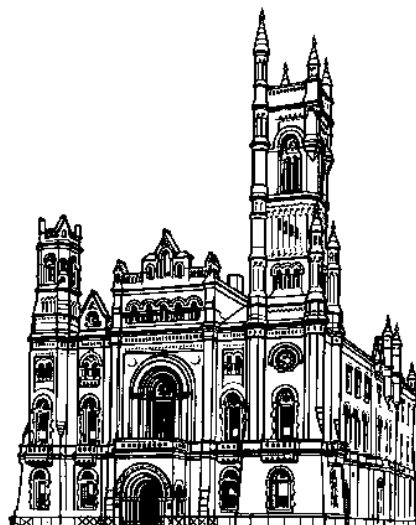
This application is available on the Internet at
<http://www.pmyf.org/scholar/app/ephrata.pdf>

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WHO ARE THE MASONS, AND WHY ARE THEY INTERESTED IN MY EDUCATION?

Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest Fraternity. Its history and tradition date to antiquity. Its singular purpose is to make good men better. Its bonds of friendship, compassion, and brotherly love have survived even the most divisive political, military, and religious conflicts through the centuries. Freemasonry is neither a forum nor a place for worship. Instead, it is a friend of all religions that are based on the belief in one God.

Many of our nation's early patriots were Freemasons, as well as 13 signers of the Constitution and 14 Presidents of the United States, including George Washington.

Today, the more than three million Freemasons around the world come from virtually every occupation and profession. Within the Fraternity, however, they all meet as equals. They come from diverse political ideologies, but they meet as friends. They come from virtually every religious belief, but they all believe in one God.

One of the fascinating aspects of Freemasonry has always been how so many men from so many different walks of life can meet together in peace, never have any political or religious debates, always conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other "Brother!" Freemasons are respectable citizens who are taught to conform to the moral laws of society and to abide by the laws of the government under which they live. They are men of charity and good works. They remain unchallenged as "the world's greatest philanthropy!"

The Freemasons of America contribute more than two million dollars every day to charitable causes, which they alone have established. These services to mankind represent an unparalleled example of humanitarianism, commitment, and concern by this unique and honorable Fraternity. Your education is important to them, because Freemasons are builders of character, and individual talent, and all those traits of good citizenship that preserve a free society.



EPHRATA LODGE NO. 665, F. & A.M.
2026 EDUCATIONAL GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications must be typed or printed. Complete information is required. This is a competitive grant. Repayment is not required; however, any voluntary repayment or gift will provide an opportunity for others to complete their education. The amount and number of grants awarded may vary according to funds available. Grants may be used for tuition, room and board, books and supplies or transportation. All information in this application will be kept confidential.

PERSONAL DATA

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Email
Address _____

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive an educational grant from the Ephrata Lodge No. 665 F. & A.M. Educational Grant of the Educational Endowment Fund of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, an applicant must be a resident of the Ephrata, Cocalico, Garden Spot or Warwick school districts, or anyone sponsored by a member of Ephrata Lodge, enrolled in a post-secondary school, either full or part-time. To prove eligibility, complete A. or B. below:

A. I am a resident of the following school district: (check one)

☐ Ephrata ☐ Cocalico ☐ Garden Spot ☐ Warwick
OR

B. I am not a resident of a specified school district, but am sponsored by the following member in good standing of Ephrata Lodge No. 665:

Print name of Masonic Sponsor _____

Signature of Sponsor _____

The school I am currently enrolled at is: _____

Name of college/university/business or trade school I will be enrolled at this coming academic year is:

Student Status: (check one) ☐ Full-Time ☐ Part-Time

Class in which you will be enrolled: (check one) ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Major Course of Study _____

Minor Course(s) of Study _____

SCHOLASTIC ACCOMPLISHMENT

High School Attended _____

Address _____

Year Graduated _____ Class Rank _____ of _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: Please provide your cumulative grade point average from your final High School Transcript. *Attach a copy of the transcript and circle the G.P.A. on that document.*

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

Indicate scholastic awards, honors, and academic activities (including school clubs) here. If not a recent graduate, you may substitute life and work experiences which have had a major impact on your personal growth and development.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE

Please provide your Scholastic Aptitude Test scores (SAT) here and *attach a copy of your score record*. If S.A.T. Scores are not available, please attach an explanation. If you did not take the S.A.T., please include Achievement Test or equivalent scores, **or** a letter of recommendation from a teacher or an employer indicating your aptitude and probability of success.

S.A.T. SCORES: CRITICAL READING _____ WRITING _____ MATH _____

Achievement Test Scores: _____

LIFETIME GOALS ESSAYS

THIS SECTION OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED

The following four (4) questions are related. *Please read all questions before answering.* **PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO COMPLETE THE LIFETIME GOALS ESSAYS. EACH QUESTION SHOULD BE TYPED ALONG WITH THE ANSWERS.**

- I. List, and embellish upon, why you deem yourself worthy of receiving a scholarship.
- II. What person(s) and event(s) had a significant influence upon helping to shape your life? Please share your reasons for your choices.
- III. What are the personal values that have contributed to your success at this stage of your life?
- IV. Upon completion of your college/technical education, how will you use your education to influence others and future events?

PLEASE DO NOT ANSWER ON THIS SHEET. REMEMBER TO TYPE THE QUESTION FIRST AND THEN YOUR ANSWER ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND ATTACH TO THE APPLICATION.

FINANCIAL NEED

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

Educational Expenses (per year)

Tuition and Fees \$ _____ Transportation \$ _____

Room and Board \$ _____ Books/Supplies \$ _____

Other Expenses \$ _____ (Explain: _____)

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ _____

List financial aid (scholarships and grants; *not loans*) which you are *guaranteed* to receive for the next academic term: _____

How much will you contribute towards your expenses?

From Investments \$ _____ Savings \$ _____

Working during summer \$ _____ Working during school year \$ _____

How much will *your parents/legal guardian* contribute? \$ _____

How much from other sources, such as trusts, etc. \$ _____

List *expected* sources of grant assistance or loans for the next term: _____

Please provide a copy of your most recently completed U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, and/or the return of your parent or guardian. Parent tax return **MUST** be included if you are claimed by them as a dependent.

*(All financial information will be held confidential, for the exclusive use of the PMYF Educational Endowment Fund Committee and will not be shared with any member of Ephrata Lodge or its Scholarship committee. **Attach a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your IRS Form 1040 for verification.**)*

Father's
Occupation _____

Mother's
Occupation _____

List names of dependents in the family, their age, and current school enrollment, if applicable:

If there are any special financial circumstances that you feel the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation scholarship committee should take into consideration, please append a statement to the application.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List memberships in clubs, civic activities, and community, political, fraternal and religious organizations. (Do NOT include school clubs in this section.) Please include the length of time devoted to your choices. It would be helpful if you were to share what constitutes the reasoning behind the honor or award.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information contained herein, or attached, is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if I am elected to receive an award from the Lodge, I will provide my social security number to the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation to allow for proper reporting to the I.R.S., as a condition for releasing the awards. I understand that recipients of this award are expected to attend the Lodge's June meeting which is always scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, and if selected, I will be present.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIAL

Applications WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED without each of these items.

1. Pages 1 through 6 of this application, with complete information. Be sure to sign and date the application on page 6.
2. **Official transcript** or certified school copy of your High School, College or Tech School transcript. Be sure to circle G.P.A. on the transcript.
3. Copy of your S.A.T. score record. If not available, be sure to include Achievement Test or equivalent scores, or a letter of recommendation from a teacher or employer.
4. Copy of pages 1 and 2 of specified I.R.S. Form 1040 Personal Income Tax Return and Parent's Tax Return

Mail completed applications to:

**Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation
1244 Bainbridge Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9423**

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2026.