

# The Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

## Award for Religious Training

Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (**ESTARL**) are scholarships given to assist men and women to prepare for one of the related fields of fulltime religious leadership. In selecting candidates, emphasis will be placed on need, character, scholarship, leadership and citizenship. It is not required that the applicant is an Eastern Star member, but the applicant's application must be sponsored by a Texas Eastern Star Chapter. The Order of the Eastern Star does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin or religious belief in the administration of this scholarship program.

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION

1. Each Award is in an amount determined each year not to exceed \$1,000. It is paid to the school chosen by the student. This money shall be credited to the student for the payments of tuition, books, room and board. (Award funds cannot be transferred to another educational institution without approval of the ESTARL General Chairman for the Grand Chapter of Texas. An award can be used only for religious education, otherwise the funds shall be returned to the Grand Chapter of Texas.) ***It is the Award Recipient's responsibility to notify the ESTARL District Chairman of any change in plan for when or where he/she will attend college.***
2. Applicants must be legal residents of Texas. (Preference is given to applicants attending Texas colleges and seminaries, unless there is not a seminary of the applicant's faith located in Texas.)
3. Applicants must be sponsored by a Texas Eastern Star Chapter. If assistance is needed contact the ESTARL General Chairman noted on the website.
4. Applicants must be entering their third year of college or enrolled in seminary work.

- 5. All applications must be completed, all requested information furnished, all questions answered along with documentation from the sponsoring Chapter and returned to the Committee by April 15, 2017.**
- 6. If possible the Applicants selected for Awards should be present at the Grand Chapter Session at the appointed time to receive their Award.**
- 7. All recipients of Awards shall be required to forward to the ESTARL District Chairman, at the close of each semester an official transcript of grades and must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or better.**
- 8. In addition to an official transcript of grades, each student shall furnish the ESTARL District Chairman during each semester at least one letter reporting on school, church and/or community activities.**
- 9. To be eligible for consideration of this Award the following must be furnished:**
  - a. Letter setting forth:**
    - 1) Financial status**
    - 2) Reasons for applying for the Award**
    - 3) Goals for the next 5 years**
    - 4) Priorities you have set for your life**
    - 5) The three most important things you have done so far in your life**
    - 6) Any other information which might be helpful to the Committee**
  - b. Name and address of your pastor and name and address of the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of your sponsoring Eastern Star Chapter**
  - c. Transcript of all college records if applying for the first time**
  - d. If reapplying submit the transcript of the previous semester**
  - e. Small picture or snapshot of yourself**

**If there is insufficient room on the Application for full answers, attach additional pages to the application referencing the question.**

# Eastern Star Award for Religious Training Scholarship Application

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in Texas? \_\_\_\_\_

College Name \_\_\_\_\_

College Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Salary \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_

Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have Brothers and Sisters? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, do you have a family? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Salary \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Give the exact type of Christian Service you intend to dedicate your life.

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How long have you been working toward this goal?\_\_\_\_\_

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Where is your Church membership?\_\_\_\_\_

How long has it been at this Church?\_\_\_\_\_

Give name and address of Minister\_\_\_\_\_

Where was your previous membership and give name and address of Minister?

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In what community activities do you take part?\_\_\_\_\_

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How many years of College have you completed?\_\_\_\_\_

Where?\_\_\_\_\_

What Degree do you have?\_\_\_\_\_

What College or Seminary are now attending?\_\_\_\_\_

What College or Seminary will you be attending if you receive this  
Award?\_\_\_\_\_

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Name and address of Business Manager or person who handles Scholarships

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Where do you expect to finish your Religious Training?\_\_\_\_\_

What is your Major?\_\_\_\_\_

What is your Minor?\_\_\_\_\_

For which Degree are your working?\_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate or receive your degree? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving or have you made application for other assistance? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a member of the Masonic Order? \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Star? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a Masonic or Eastern Star relationship in your family?

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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