

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SPONSORED BY OLYMPIA LODGE #1
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INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

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Olympia Lodge #1, F&AM distributes scholarships to students of the seven Olympia area high schools and New Market Skills Center. The awards will include one \$ 2000.00, one for \$ 1500.00, and eight for \$1000.00, one for each of the Olympia area high schools: Olympia, Capitol, Tumwater, Black Hills, Timberline, North Thurston, River Ridge and New Market.

The scholarships are available to High School Seniors in the North Thurston, Olympia and Tumwater School Districts and to freshmen college students who attended High School in the North Thurston, Olympia and Tumwater School Districts.

All applications received will be considered for all awards. Do not submit separate applications. Winners will be notified by May 25th.

This application form is to be filled out by the student. It must be completed and returned to the Scholarship Chairman. Applications must either be postmarked or delivered by the ***last Monday in March***.

Send or deliver all applications to:

Scholarship Chairman
c/o Masonic Memorial Park Office
455 North Street
Tumwater, WA 98501

For additional information regarding the
delivery of applications please contact
Jack Sowers at (360) 556- 6348

Should the applicant need more room to answer a particular question, additional sheets of paper may be attached to the application form. Please make sure that each attached sheet bears the student's full name and that the question number and paragraph subject matter are clearly indicated.

It is very important that all answers are legible. Typed applications are desirable but not necessary. For question 11 of section III, responses exceeding 250 words are downgraded. Each student should keep a copy of his or her application.

All awards are made on the basis of points awarded for community service, citizenship, scholastic achievement, evaluation of written responses to questions within the application and to letters received with the application. Scholarships are made and distributed without regard to gender, race, creed, nationality, relationships to members of any Masonic organization, or other extraneous factors.

In addition to the completed application form the following information and letters must be included:

- A copy of your most recent grade transcripts for the current year from the High School/College you are currently attending. (The Scholarship Chairman must receive the transcripts by the by the postmark deadline whether mailed by you or the school.) Transcripts do not have to be official.
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member (principal, counselor or teacher) of the school you have most recently attended.
- One (1) typed personal letter from you, as applicant to the Committee on Scholarships containing pertinent facts and other information such as a short life history, college and/or professional goals, other interests and elaborations of personal and/or family financial needs that you would deem necessary for consideration (total of one (1) letter).

The completed application packet must contain a total of 2 letters, one of each type, the fully completed application form, (including all financial information) and a current transcript. Failure to complete and sign the application or provide all information will cause the application to be disqualified.

This application is also available electronically on our web site at <http://www.olympia1.org> However all

submissions must be printed, electronic applications cannot be accepted or processed.

- READ ME NOW!!!! -

Every year we reject approximately 10% of the applications we receive because they are **incomplete**. Please do not let your application be one of them. We have found that in order to fairly grade each application we really do need all the requested information. To ensure that your application does not get rejected please be sure to check it carefully and be sure that all questions are answered and all required information and signatures are included.

Here are some of the major missing items we have had in past years:

1. Failure to complete the Confidential Financial Information section. Especially the adjusted gross income for the household and the number of children in the household. There are no extenuating circumstances for not including this information if you have not filed for current year then either estimate it or use last year's figures. If this information is not included your application will be rejected.

2. Failure of both the legal guardian and the student to sign the application. (two signatures) Note: the exception to having a legal guardian sign is only allowed if the student is emancipated and living on their own without parental/guardian support. If this is the case then please say so in the legal guardian signature spot. Please do not leave it blank.

3. Failure to include an answer to question #11 (on page 4)

4. Failure to include all required letters of recommendation. You need to have 2 letters. One from you the applicant and one from a faculty member of your school. Please be sure to include in your letter any information you would like us to have when we grade your application. This does not mean "write a book" but, be sure to include your goals and aspirations and any personal history and family information that you feel may be appropriate.

5. Failure to include a copy of your transcript. This does not need to be an official copy but it must be included and should if possible cover the 4 years of high school.

All Scholarship winners will be notified by May 25th

Section II – Applicant History

1. What is your current Accumulated Grade Point Average for this year? _____
 (Must match transcript)

2. Please list all school organizations to which you have belonged or activities in which you have actively participated and Sports Activities since you have been in high school:

Name of organization or activity		Number of years	Offices held
Name of Sport	Years	Name of Sport	Years

3. Briefly describe any Community and/or Church/Synagogue/Mosque/Temple activities in which you have participated and/or volunteered for since you have been in high school, please also list frequency and hours worked:

4. List any honors and/or awards you have received while in High School/College

Honor / Award	Year	Honor/Award	Year

5. Please list the classes in which you are enrolled this year.

6. Please list applicant employment history for the last 2 years (if any).

From / To	Employer	# Hours per week	Position

Section III – Educational Plans

1. Name and address of university, college or school you plan to attend

School Name

School Address

2. Have you been accepted? (YES) (NO) (please circle) If no, please explain briefly.

3. In not over three sentences, please explain the subject area you plan to study.

4. Major or occupational program title. _____

5. When will you begin your course of study. _____

6. Registration date. (Month / Year) _____

7. During School where do you plan to live? (Parent or Guardian home) (Apartment) (Dormitory)
(Please circle)

(Rooming House) (Greek House) (Other) _____

8. How long will it take to complete your chosen field of study? _____

9. If attending vocational or professional school (course must be at least six (6) month duration), are you
a beginner or an advanced student? (Beginning) (Advanced) (Please circle)

10. If attending vocational or professional school what is the total cost of the program. _____

11. If you actually major in your chosen field and graduate to work in that area, in what way or ways do you
think your chosen field of study will influence your future and that of the community as a whole.
(250 Words or less – please answer on separate sheet)