

**SCOTTISH RITE MASONS OF EAST TENNESSEE
612 16th Street, Knoxville, TN 37916**

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To be eligible, the student must have completed at least 15 credit hours from an accredited academic, vocational, or technical institution, or cannot have graduated from high school or a GED program within the last 5 years if a first-time student. Please see instructions for full eligibility requirements. **Incomplete applications will not be returned nor considered for an award.** Enclose official transcripts of all college courses or official documentation of high school or GED graduation date. The deadline for receiving the application is **June 7.**

Name: (Mr., Mrs., Miss.) _____
Date of Birth: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____
Home Address: _____

Name/location of High School, and year of graduation: _____

College last attended: _____ **G.P.A.** _____
Academic Class: (Jr., Sr., Graduate) _____ **Major field of Study:** _____
Intended Occupation: _____
College you plan to attend this Fall (College Name and Address): _____

Father's Occupation and Employer: _____
Father's Gross Annual Income: _____
Mother's Occupation and Employer: _____
Mother's Gross Annual Income: _____

If married, Gross Annual Income of Spouse: _____

Have you applied for any other grants or financial aid? _____
 Have you received any other grants or financial aid? _____
 If yes, name them, give the amounts of each, and date received. _____

- Check the one most applicable:**
- Totally supported by parents or other family members
 - Supported by family but also contributing myself
 - Self-supporting but parents and family members also contribute
 - Totally self-supporting

Do you work? _____ If yes, list occupation and employer's name, address, and the amount of your income:

What is your expected contribution per FAFSA? (see instruction sheet) _____

Application must include a completed FAFSA and current **STUDENT AID INDEX (SAI)**, or its latest equivalent as designated by the US Department of Education or the federal agency having responsibility for federal student aid. Application must also include an **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** from all institutions you have attended to this point.

Will you be a full-time or part-time student? _____

Enclose a letter describing your college and community activities and any other items you feel would assist the Knoxville Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee (Committee) in making a fair evaluation of your application. Explain why you should be considered for this scholarship, and include any information relative to your personal and/or financial circumstances that would guide the Committee in the consideration of your application.

Please provide names and relationships of any family members belonging to Freemasonry or an affiliated group below:

Please provide written letters of recommendation from two each of the following:

Personal reference, not a relative:

Name, contact information (email), and relationship (friend, mentor, etc.)

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

Academic reference, high school or above:

Name, contact information (email), and relationship (friend, mentor, etc.)

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

Because of unforeseeable future events or decisions made by the recipient that are not mentioned in this document, that would deem the recipient ineligible or not able to remain qualified by the Knoxville Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee after the scholarship is awarded, the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies reserve the right to revoke this award for proper cause. Proper cause shall be determined by the Knoxville Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee. As such, by signing this document, not only do you agree to maintain all the qualifications mentioned throughout the entirety of this document, but also to the following clause:

"I acknowledge that the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies scholarship is a freely revocable scholarship. I further acknowledge that the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies may at any time, by a duly executed written instrument, revoke the scholarship funds, in whole or in part, in which event any and all scholarship funds covered by such revocation shall revert to the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies, free of right, claim, or interest held by me, the scholarship recipient."

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I GIVE MY CONSENT FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE BODIES TO SECURE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM MY FILES IN THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR INSTITUTION I PLAN TO ATTEND.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

INSTRUCTION SHEET – SCOTTISH RITE MASONS’ NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
(Incomplete Applications will not be considered.)

This award shall be made to a student who has completed at least 15 credit hours from an accredited academic, vocational, or technical institution, who cannot have graduated from high school or a GED program within the last 5 years if a first-time student, or entering graduate level at an accredited institution. The applicant must be a bonafide resident of our designated 24-county East Tennessee area and meet eligibility requirements as outlined below.

Applicant shall provide an official copy of his/her college transcripts, as well as the Student Aid Index (SAI) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as administered by the United States Department of Education, or whichever federal agency may at the time have responsibility for administering FAFSA programs and funds including determination of eligibility. If SAI is no longer in use, the applicant shall provide its current equivalent. Applicant shall inform the Knoxville Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee of any other scholarships for which application has been made, including whether these have been awarded (if known at the time of application.) For information on FAFSA, contact your institution’s financial aid office or visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Applicant shall provide four (4) letters of recommendation, two (2) from each of the following: two (2) personal references, who should speak to the applicant’s character, and two (2) academic references, who should speak to the applicant’s scholastic ability. Either or both may attest to the applicant’s financial need. Letters may be sent directly to Knoxville Scottish Rite via mail or email, or included with the completed application.

The deadline for receipt of the completed application is June 7.

The selection of the recipient and administration of this scholarship shall be vested in a Committee designated by Knoxville Scottish Rite. The Knoxville Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee shall make the award no later than August 10th of each year and shall consider the following:

- Financial need
- Character
- Community service
- Academic performance, particularly at the collegiate level

Upon selection by the committee, the Secretary of Knoxville Scottish Rite shall notify the receiving institution that is named on the application directly and shall remit funds (\$500.00 per award) directly to that institution, on or before August 10 of that calendar year. Funds will not be sent to the student. Funds so dispersed will include instructions to the receiving institution that it is to be credited to the student in equal semester payments during the academic (school) year, for as long as that student remains enrolled and in good standing within the institution. Should the student either fail to enroll, fail to maintain a satisfactory student record, fail to maintain full-time enrollment status, or withdraw from school - the balance left in the fund shall be returned to the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies.

Because of unforeseeable future events or decisions made by the recipient that are not mentioned in this document that would deem the recipient ineligible or not remain qualified by the Knoxville Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee after the scholarship is awarded, the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies reserve the right to revoke this award for proper cause. Proper cause shall be determined by the Knoxville Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee.

All scholarship recipients will have his/her name, college, major of study, and picture (if provided) featured in the Knoxville Scottish Rite newsletter.

Funds may be deferred upon request by the recipient and approval by the Committee if such a request is due to participation in a continuing education program (internship or co-op program). In no case shall any portion of the award be valid beyond one calendar year from the initial granting of the award. If for any other reason the student fails to begin or continue enrollment, all or the remainder of the funds shall be forfeited by the recipient.

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Completed application must be submitted to:
Knoxville Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee
612 16th Street
Knoxville, TN 37916

If submitting by email, send to office@knoxvillescottishrite.org

ALL MATERIALS, including completed application, transcripts, FAFSA/SAI report, letter from applicant, and letters of recommendation, must be received by the deadline, which is June 7.

CHECKLIST FOR ELIGIBILITY

- **At least 15 credit hours from an accredited institution – or, if first time student, cannot have graduated high school or GED program within the last five (5) years (must provide official documentation of graduation date)**
- **Full-time or part-time student, must be enrolled in at least 3 credit hours per semester**
- **Enrolled at accredited 2-year to 4-year accredited academic/technical/vocational institution or accredited graduate institution**
- **Bona-fide resident of Knoxville Scottish Rite 24-county area (“bona-fide” is defined as, must hold permanent residence within our 24-county area)**

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION

- **Current or returning student: must provide official transcripts from all previous and current institutions attended; If first-time student: must provide official documentation of graduation date of high school or GED program**
- **FAFSA completed (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and provided**
- **Current SAI (Student Aid Index), or its current equivalent, provided**
- **Reference information (name, phone number/email, and relationship to applicant) included**
- **Letters of recommendation enclosed – if sent directly to us, please specify**
- **Letter (describing college and community activities, explanation of need, and educational goals) enclosed**
- **Completely answered all questions on application**