

CRESCENT LODGE No. 25, A.F. & A.M.

MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To the Applicant:

Before completing this application, read the informational page which specifies the criteria for both eligibility and selection. Since the members of the Scholarship Selection Committee have not met you and have only this application by which to evaluate you, carefully consider the content and completeness of your responses to the information being sought.

Additional pages of narrative or supporting documentation may be added to any section. This can include newspaper clippings, photos, letters of recommendation from people within your school and/or community, and other materials which will give the Committee a better insight about you, your school and your community activities. You are encouraged to submit materials that you do not expect to be returned. Any materials you would like returned must be identified and accompanied with a self-address, stamped envelope.

A pen, typewriter or computer must be used to complete this application. Be certain that your handwriting is legible.

All applications and correspondence should be sent to:

Crescent Lodge No. 25
Scholarship Selection Committee
616 A Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

I. IDENTIFICATION DATA

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_____	_____	Sex
Full Name	Date of Birth	
_____	_____	
Applicant High School	Email Address	
_____	_____	
GPA	Class Rank	Number in Class
_____	_____	Contact Phone
_____	_____	
Street Address	City, ST ZIP Code	

II. ACADEMIC RECORD:

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a current, certified transcript of your credits. The application will not be considered without this information.

III. PERSONAL RESUMÉ:

Write about yourself, your family and interests, and your future educational or vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual. Do not include information requested in other sections of this application.

IV. NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. If you desire, relate any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

V. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

List those high school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the symbols 9, 10, 11, 12. Then list any leadership positions you may have held in this activity and indicate the grade (9, 10, 11, 12) when the position was held. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities.

VI. COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community in particular. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. Indicate any leadership roles you may have had in this area. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

VII. Evaluation by School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher or Counselor):

Provide at least one letter of recommendation by a school official on official school stationery. You may attach the letter to the application or forward it to the Committee under separate cover postmarked by **April 1**. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed.

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MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Crescent Lodge, A.F. & A.M. will be awarding four \$1500 scholarships to a deserving high school senior from each of the Cedar Rapids public high schools. The scholarship is for seniors who will graduate this academic year. A total of four scholarships will be awarded.

The scholarships are designed to assist graduating seniors in pursuing a post-secondary education in any state at an accredited institution which provides a two or four year college program. The scholarships may be used for any bona fide school related expense such as tuition, fees, and books.

Applicants need not have a Masonic connection, nor do race, creed, religion, color, sex, or national origin have any bearing in the selection process. Recipients are selected after completing a comprehensive written application and an in-depth personal interview.

A broad-based criteria is used in the selection process. The principal criterion is service to school and community with special emphasis upon leadership roles in these areas. Crescent Lodge is looking for those students who exhibit the greatest potential to be not only of service to their communities in the future but also leaders in these communities. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance are also carefully considered as is an evaluation of the applicant by a school official. The organization, appearance, and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

From all the applications received, the Scholarship Selection Committee may select a number of finalists who will be asked to appear before the committee for a personal interview. Upon completion of the interviews, the committee will then select those who will receive scholarships.

Public high school seniors who feel they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection are invited to submit applications. These applications may be obtained through the guidance department or through our web site and must be postmarked no later than April 1 for the application (Sections I through VI are considered the main portion of the application) and no later than April 10 for all supporting materials in order to be considered by the committee.

Questions regarding applications and the scholarship program as well as completed applications should be directed to:

Scholarship Selection Committee
Crescent No. 25, A.F. & A.M.
616 A Avenue, NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

www.crescent25.org