

JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR F&AM LODGE #55



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Nursing and Health Sciences SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

What is Freemasonry?

The Masonic Commitment to Character.

Many years ago, the famous Dr. Albert Schweitzer wrote these magnificent words: "It is not enough merely to exist... Every man has to seek his own way to make his own true worth." These words capture the meaning of Freemasonry. As the world's oldest and largest fraternity, our goal is to build a man's most valuable possession – his character.

We believe that the strength of the family, the church, the community and our country rests with men of strong conviction, firm ethical and moral values and a devotion to our democratic system of government. As Masons, we help each other intensify our devotion to these enduring values.

The Founding of Freemasonry

The origins of Masonry reach back to Medieval times when the great cathedrals of Europe were built. The stonemasons who created awe-inspiring Gothic structures formed craft guilds to protect the secrets of their trade and to pass on their knowledge to worthy apprentices.

In 17th century England, these guilds began accepting honorary members, men of learning and position. These new members were not working stonemasons or even associated with the building trades. As "accepted Masons," they eventually grew into a separate organization called Freemasonry, a moral and ethical society that taught the importance of education in freeing mankind from prejudice, superstition and social injustice.

Masonry Today

Masons continue to use the simple tools of the ancient stonemasons – the square and the compass, the trowel, plumb and level – as symbols to teach their ideals. A Mason is oath-bound to build his life and character with the same care and precision that stonemasons used to construct the cathedrals and temples centuries ago.

Masonic Concern for Others

Freemasonry has an outstanding record for helping others. Along with scholarships to assist young people in furthering their education, Masons support many

community-based charitable projects. The Wisconsin Masonic Home provides high-quality, dignified living for mature adults. The Masonic Medical Fund of Wisconsin helps to improve the quality of life for over half the state's population, by providing matching grants, which equip hospitals, fire and rescue departments with needed equipment. The Masonic Service and Assistance Fund, helps to support the Wisconsin Masonic Home, and contributes to disaster relief funds in times of need. One of the most important lessons a man learns in Masonry, is the spirit of charity. Wisconsin Masons help to advance the spirit every day.

Application Information

The Janesville-Western Star Lodge welcomes your application for a career educational scholarship in the Nursing and Health Sciences Fields. We understand the need for those in these occupations that will help fill the need in both hospitals, clinics and homes.

Eligibility

1. The recipient must be a student seeking education in the nursing and health sciences fields, display a commendable academic record and the potential to successfully continue achievement in a post-secondary college or university. This includes a Junior college or technical college when the credit load is acceptable to a degree granting institution. The course of study must lead toward a degree.
2. The recipient will have demonstrated leadership ability and service as evidenced by school, community and church or synagogue involvement.

Distribution

The recipient must be enrolled in schooling and the school will receive the actual funds as follows:

- a. One-half upon receipt of proof of matriculation to college.
- b. One-half at second semester upon same proof.

Application Form

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Name and address of College _____

Degree/Program Title _____

Full Time student? Part Time student? Work Study? U.S. Citizen? Undergrad/Grad?

High School graduated from & city. _____

Employment? _____

1. List honors and awards received (such as National Honor Society, etc.):

2. List community activities or groups you have served, offices held, or other leadership positions you have held:

3. List other activities you have participated in (sports, music, community projects, Church groups, etc.):

4. What do you feel are your academic strengths and weaknesses?

5. What are your long-term goals, both educational and career related?

6. How many other scholarships have you received? _____

Required Signature:

To the best of my knowledge, I have provided the Janesville-Western Star F.&A.M. full information concerning all questions on the application. I understand that failure to provide true and complete information could mean withdrawal of scholarship monies.

Applicant Signature _____

Print Name _____

Have you included both of these?

I have included one letter of recommendation from a person such as a teacher, high school counselor, minister, priest, employer or neighbor.

The completed application form. This Scholarship is sponsored by Janesville-Western Star Lodge #55, Attn: Trustees, 2322 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville, WI 53545. Please mail the forms and letters prior to semester of study applying for.