

# **ESTARL**

*Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership*

**To:**

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**Re: OES ESTARL Scholarship Program**

**Date:**

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. Enclosed is an Application and instructions for its completion. Please use the attached forms for making application. If you wish to use a word processor to address the parts in **Section I - Page 4** only, please do so, on a separate page or pages. These should then be attached to **Page 4** as a supplement.

Please note that if you are awarded a scholarship grant, the funds will be sent directly to the Registrar or Financial Director of the Seminary or educational institution you will be attending in the fall. Award funds can be used **ONLY** for tuition expense and are to be credited to such by your Registrar or Financial Director. According to our by-laws, if your tuition will be paid in full by someone else or some other agency, you do not qualify for an ESTARL award.

If you decide not to apply for a scholarship, please return this page to the Chairperson listed above, marking the "Will Not Be Applying" line.

WILL NOT BE APPLYING \_\_\_\_\_

**The Order of Eastern Star does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or religious belief in the administration of its Scholarship program.**

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What is ESTARL?

**ESTARL** is a scholarship program for men and women preparing for careers in religious leadership in any denomination. The total amount received by any one applicant may not exceed \$10,000.00

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Preparing for a full-time career of religious  
Ordained Ministry  
Missionary  
Youth Ministry  
Director of Religious Education  
Music Ministry  
Other related religious careers
- Reside in Minnesota for at least one year before receiving award, with the exception of missionary duty.
- Part-time to Full-time student beginning in September of the school year for which the award is granted.
- Completion of application form prior to February 1.
- Tuition is not already paid in full for the coming academic year by another individual or agency.

### PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING

\* Form is requested from ESTARL Chairperson by OES member or applicant.  
\* ESTARL Chairperson is always informed as to whom an application is sent.

\* Applicant completes application form consisting of:

Personal, Educational, and Financial data  
Statement of Religious Beliefs  
Contract for repayment in the event the Applicant does not continue in fulltime religious work.  
(Award is not repayable if awardee continues in religious employment.);  
Transcripts of all educational courses;  
Snapshot taken in last six months;  
Recommendations from Minister of Applicant's home church, Academic Advisor, and sponsoring OES Chapter, prepared after a short visit with the candidate. (Chapter assumes no financial obligation for the award.)

\* Completed application form is sent to ESTARL Chairman prior to February 1.

\* Application forms are reviewed by the ESTARL Committee. Applicants and sponsoring Chapters are notified of the results.

\* Awardees are invited to Grand Chapter Awards Ceremony in May, where Certificates of Award are presented. Certificates are mailed to those unable to attend.

Checks for tuition expense only are sent to the Registrar or Financial Director of each Awardee's Seminary or educational institution prior to September.

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## Scholarship Application

For the 2010-2011 Academic Year

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

**SECTION I** To be filled out by the Applicant  
Attach a photo taken within the last six months

**SECTION II** (A) Copy to be filled out by the Minister of Applicant's home Church. (If Minister is a relative, choose a member of the Church Board.)  
(B) Copy to be completed by the Applicant's Faculty Advisor or Counselor.  
(C) **Have Seminary and College Registrars send official Transcripts (with seal affixed) of all Seminary and college credits earned to date. (No forms provided for this purpose.)**

**SECTION III** To be completed by the Eastern Star Chapter sponsoring you.

**All three sections are required for a completed Application.** Please see that the necessary forms are distributed to the proper individuals for their personal attention. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to see that all forms are submitted to the Chairperson prior to February 1.

**NOTE:** The financial portion (**Section I - Page 3**) is very important and must be fully completed in order for your application to receive proper evaluation. Please read and sign the ESTARL Scholarship Agreement on **Page 5 of Section I.**

**The ABSOLUTE deadline for return of completed Application is Feb. 1, 2010.**

**(Completed Application includes ALL required parts.)**

Each Application **MUST** be accompanied by a copy of **All** your grade transcripts and a current photograph (snapshot is acceptable), along with your **Student ID #.**

When completed,

**Mail ALL SECTIONS to:**

**Pat LoveletteWodnick, ESTARL Chairman  
4608 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55406-4019**

**All questions MUST be answered.  
Information included will remain confidential.**

**Section I - Page 1**

**Attach required  
photo here**

The Order of Eastern Star Scholarships are awarded to assist students preparing for one of The following fields: Ministry, Missions, Director of Church Music, Religious Education, Youth Leadership, and other religious careers. In selecting Candidates, we focus on character, scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and need.

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(where you can be reached)

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Eastern Star Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be **at least a half-time student** for the **2010-2011** school year? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If your answer is NO, you will not qualify for an award for the **2010-2011** school year.)

Present occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

Parents' Names/Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence in Minnesota since: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Marital Status/Duration: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Member: Y/N (Circle) Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Minister's Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICAL HEALTH** (Check one) Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_

Disabilities/Limitations/Activity Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION I - Page 2**

Seminary and/or Colleges attended (attending):

_____	From: _____	To: _____
_____	From: _____	To: _____
_____	From: _____	To: _____

Degrees obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary/Bible College attending – 2010-2011: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar name/address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

What year of seminary will you be starting in September 2010?

Junior (1<sup>st</sup> Year) \_\_\_\_\_ Middler \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (3<sup>rd</sup> Year) \_\_\_\_\_

(Applicant must be at least a half-time student in 2010-2011 to qualify for scholarship.)

What influenced you to become a worker in Religious Service? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For which program of Religious service are you preparing?

Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Missionary \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Religious Education \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Church Music \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Youth Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed location of Service: in USA \_\_\_\_\_ Overseas \_\_\_\_\_

Previous experience in Religious Service: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MILITARY RECORD**

List all military service or training you have had, including National Guard. Include dates.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION I - Page 3**

**FINANCIAL**

Total amount of tuition for the school year 2010-2011 (**Do not include amounts for books, room & board, transportation, health ins., etc**): \_\_\_\_\_

Is any of your tuition being paid by your Church or another outside source?

Y/N (Circle one) Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

**(If your tuition for this year will be paid in full by some other source, you do not qualify for an ESTARL Award this year.)**

Have you received previous ESTARL Awards? Y/ N (Circle one)

If yes, give year(s) and amount:

\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Total Income for 2010-2011: Yours \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's \_\_\_\_\_

State the amount of financial support you will receive from:

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

What proportion of the cost of your education have you earned annually while in college/ seminary \_\_\_\_\_

Employment in the past year:

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you plan to work during the coming school year? Y/N Hours/week: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to present resources, how much financial help do you need for the coming year?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a car? Y/ N Year/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Any ongoing indebtedness / financial obligations? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of GI Bill or Veterans' Dependents income: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INTERESTS / ACTIVITIES**

Did you take part in any campus and/or community activities while in college and/or seminary?

Religious \_\_\_\_\_

Student Government \_\_\_\_\_

Music, Drama, Debate, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Others \_\_\_\_\_

Prizes, Honors, Recognitions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION I - Page 4**

**Personal Statements:**

1) The role of religion in today's living

2) How can churches become more effective?

3) In what ways do you feel you can make a difference in people's lives?

4) Your personal religious philosophy

**SECTION 1 - Page 5**

**ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT**

It is hereby understood and agreed that funds granted for an Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership are not repayable as long as the recipient pursues his/her studies in the field of religion, and works in the religious field for which he/her has been educated.

**A Scholarship award check will be made payable to the seminary Registrar's office.  
Funds are credited ONLY to the student's tuition expense.**

If, for any reason, the student/graduate should change to a vocation other than one in the field of religion, the total amount received from this fund must be refunded to the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, Order of Eastern star, within ninety (90) days of said change without interest, or may be paid in equal installments, payable on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month at an interest rate of 6% per annum, beginning no later than ninety (90) days after such change is made, and the total time for payment shall not exceed thirty-six (36) months.

Witness my signature this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's PRINTED name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's address

**Upon completion of Section I, mail all pages of this section to:**

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**SECTION IIA - Failure to submit this report constitutes sufficient reason to reject the Applicant.**

**Order of Eastern Star, ESTARL Scholarship Recommendation:**

**To the Applicant's Minister:** (If the Minister is a relative of the Applicant, refer to another Church Official.)

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for an ESTARL Scholarship (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership). The scholarships are intended for women and men who are preparing for a career in church-related service. Please give us your opinion of the Applicant related to the following items. Your reply will be held in strict confidence. You may use space on the reverse side of this form as necessary. When you have completed your analysis, please mail to:

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**Please complete and mail, postmarked no later than FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

- 1.) How are you personally related with the Applicant?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2.) What is the Applicant's relationship to the local church, their acceptance and participation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3.) How would you evaluate the Applicant's qualities for religious leadership?  
Initiative -  
  
Emotional stability -  
  
Dedication -  
  
Integrity -
  
  
- 4.) What financial assistance does your church give the Applicant?
  
  
- 5.) Please add any other pertinent facts relating to the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IIB- Failure to submit this report constitutes sufficient reason to reject the Applicant.**

**Order of Eastern Star, ESTARL Scholarship Recommendation**

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Please mail **POSTMARKED** by **FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

- 1.) How would you evaluate the applicant's qualities for religious leadership?  
Initiative -  
  
Emotional stability -  
  
Dedication -  
  
Integrity -
- 2.) How does the Applicant relate to fellow students?  
Concern for others -  
  
Influence -
- 3.) Is the Applicant making satisfactory progress toward career goals?
- 4.) Please add any other information you consider pertinent.
- 5.) What number of credits is required for half-time student status at this seminary or college?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Is this Applicant at least a half-time student? **Y/N** (Circle one)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_