

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Wisconsin



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

ESTARL, Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, has been a permanent charity of the General Grand Chapter for over 60 years and has helped countless individuals preparing for a life of religious service. The ESTARL scholarship is for individuals who are preparing not only for the ministry, but local parish work, mission field, religious education, chaplaincy or worship music, etc. and have been accepted by an accredited college, university or seminary.

As a Chapter you have the opportunity to recommend persons to receive financial assistance who are training for full time religious work or persons attending a short course or seminar. The success of these programs depends on your recommendations of individuals to apply for funds. Its success also depends on your Chapter or individual donations. These scholarships are available due solely to your generosity. Education is expensive, and for many it would not be possible without assistance. Please consider a donation to the ESTARL program by sending a check to the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin. In the memo line please note if the donation is for ESTARL or ESTARL short-term program.

Enclosed is an updated brochure for the ESTARL program. We also have developed a brochure for the short-term program which was established to provide funds for laity attending workshops or classes to enhance their leadership role within their place of worship. The short-term applications don't need a vote of the Chapter and can be submitted year-round but note the deadlines in the attached materials. Please update your files with these documents and recycle old brochures/forms for ESTARL.

Applications for the ESTARL scholarship must be returned to your Chapter by May 1st and voted on at a stated meeting in May. Once approved at the Chapter, the application should be sent to the Grand Secretary, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 52118 by June 15th.

Please seek out those who may benefit from this scholarship program, and keep our ESTARL applicants in your prayers as they discern a life of service.

Sincerely,

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