

Requirements for an ESTARL Award

1. Applicant must complete an application form and return it to the sponsoring Chapter of *the Order of the Eastern Star* no later than May 1st.
2. To be eligible an applicant must:
 - a. be a resident of the State of Wisconsin (that is he/she votes in Wisconsin)
 - b. have a “B” average or above from an accredited high school/college/university
 - c. be preparing for the ministry, local parish work, mission field, religious education, chaplaincy, worship music, etc.
 - d. have been accepted as a student in an accredited college/university/seminary
 - e. be recommended by a local Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the state of Wisconsin
3. Applicant must attach to his/her application form:
 - a. Transcript of his/her last two (2) years of study (high school/college/university or seminary); if not available, please explain
 - b. Letters from:
 - i. A member of the Eastern Star who belongs to the Chapter sending in the recommendation
 - ii. A recommendation of his/her Pastor
 - iii. A recommendation from an official of the high school/college/university or seminary that the student has attended (only last school attended is necessary); if not available, please explain
 - iv. An official of the school where the student will attend, indicating the applicant’s acceptance as a student.
4. A recent picture
5. A copy of the last 1040 Tax Form filed

NOTE

1. No scholarship funds are available during the year one serves as an “intern.”
2. An ESTARL Scholarship may be renewed a maximum of three (3) times.
3. A full-time applicant must carry a load of at least twelve (12) credit hours per school term. A part-time student must carry a load of three (3) credits per school term.
4. Part-time students will receive a pro-rated award.
5. If applicant wishes to renew his/her scholarship, he/she will need to apply through the sponsoring Chapter each year. A transcript of the school year just completed and Tax Form must accompany the complete application. **DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL APPLICATION IS MAY 1ST.**
6. **Gross Annual income should not exceed \$40,000 for a family of one: \$60,000 for a family of two: \$74,000 for a family of three or more.** Individual circumstances may be considered in the committee’s evaluation/decision.
7. An interview (preferably face-to-face) with a member of the ESTARL Committee will be arranged after a completed application has been accepted.
8. While it is not a requirement to receive an ESTARL Scholarship, the committee would encourage recipients who decide later to enter some profession other than the above fields to consider their award “loans” and repay it if possible, so that additional individuals may be helped by the ESTARL program.

