

History: This program was established in 2006 and is unique to Wisconsin Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. It is intended for persons usually referred to as the laity (YOU AND ME) and assists persons in attending a short course or seminar, usually a day or two, sometimes as long as a week.

The ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) Committee oversees the short term laity program. In the administration of this program, the Order of the Eastern Star does not discriminate in granting awards on the basis of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin or religious belief.



Procedure: The Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin will appoint a committee of members to be responsible for soliciting funds (from members and Chapters); screen applications; select individuals for awards and the presentation of those awards; and conduct public relations connected with the short term laity religious leadership program.



Requirements for Short Term Award

Eligibility will be determined entirely by the ESTARL Committee in Wisconsin. Applicants must complete an application form and return it to the sponsoring Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star with the supporting materials. Applications must be submitted to the sponsoring Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star no later than four (4) weeks prior to an event.

To be eligible an applicant must:

1. Be a resident of the State of Wisconsin (that is he/she votes in Wisconsin)
2. Be recommended by a local Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the state of Wisconsin

Applicants must attach to his/her application form:

- 1 A brochure about the event attending
- 2 A copy of the registration form for the event attending

Notes

1. A separate application is required for each person. If more than one person from a place of worship is going to the same event, all applications should be sent in the same envelope. Application form may be copied.

The deadline for the short term laity applications is no later than four (4) weeks prior to the event. Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted to the sponsoring Chapter, and the Chapter should forward the application to the Grand Secretary immediately. Short term laity awards do not require a vote of the Chapter.

The ESTARL Committee will review applications and determine awards. The awards may be variable and in an amount determined by the Committee on the basis of funds available.

Applicants are requested to submit a follow-up letter to the Grand Secretary of Eastern Star about how the event benefitted and is being used in your place of worship.



Awards

Awards may be given for:

- Event registration fees
- Transportation to event
- Housing at event
- Meals at event
- Materials needed for event

Checks are made payable to the applicant.



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Note to Chapter Secretaries: You must send the application along with the complete file of necessary documents to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible after receiving the materials from the applicant. This application does not require the vote of the Chapter but please make the Chapter members aware of the application.

Applicants

- ____ 1. Application with Seal of the Chapter
(Application is available at www.wioes.org, under forms tab)
- ____ 2. Recommendation of a member of the Chapter
- ____ 3. Copy of brochure about the event attending
- ____ 4. Copy of registration form for event attending



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SHORT TERM LAITY AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

(an extension of the ESTARL Program)