

2019 Nevada Masonic Scholarship Application Information



Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2019

1. You must use the current year's official application. Changes are sometimes made in the information required. Applications from previous years will NOT be considered. **Applications must be post marked by April 1, 2019 of the current year.**
2. You may obtain the current application on our website at www.pyramidlodge43.com. Click on the "Scholarships" button on the top of the page. If you cannot access this application, you may call (775) 747-1602..
3. We **STRONGLY** prefer that you type your application. Both a blank printable form and a fill-in form are available on our website. Although you may type and print your application on our web based form, applications cannot be submitted on line. You'll have to print and mail your completed application and supporting materials to us.
4. The ON-LINE FILL-IN APPLICATION:
 - i) You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to open and fill-in the form. Version 5.0 or higher is recommended.
 - ii) You will be able to type and print your application with the free version of Acrobat, but you will NOT be able to save your work, unless you are running the full commercial version.
 - iii) We recommend that you save the blank form onto your computer, print a blank copy for a "rough draft" and then either type it and print it in one sitting, or type in and print one page or section at a time. Remember that each time you close the .pdf form, you will lose all the information you typed into it.
5. Complete all information. Where needed, mark items as "Not applicable" rather than leaving blanks.
6. Be sure to include all required attachments. Use the checklist provided with the application. We will not consider incomplete applications.
7. Check your work, including spelling and grammar. The neatness and correctness of your work will be considered.

Common errors that result in disqualification or a reduction in chances of receiving an award include:

1. Incomplete applications. All questions and sections of the application are important. Don't leave blanks if an item does not apply, write "Not Applicable."
2. Failure to follow directions on each section of the application.
3. **"Contact me if you need..."** Many applications come missing a required attachment or section, with a notation to contact the applicant if the information is needed. If we didn't need it, we wouldn't ask for it. It is your responsibility to follow up on these items. We will not contact you for information not included in your application.
4. **"See Attached..."** Although we welcome additional material to help us in our decision on your application, please do not use attachments as a substitute for "filling in the blanks" on the application. If information is not included in the application itself, it is very easy for us to miss it in the scoring process, and you could miss getting credit for some of your accomplishments or needs. Please fill in the application first, and then attach any additional material referencing it to a specific question and elaborate if needed. It will be most helpful if you clearly label all supplementary material to indicate the sections of the application they are to accompany. Please **do not** include attachments not directly related to the information requested on the application.

5. **“Mailed Separately...”** We understand that some schools insist on mailing transcripts directly to us, and that other attachments might have to be mailed separately from your main application. Please recognize that there is a risk of these items not being considered in your application. Many applications stating that an eligibility verification or transcript was being “mailed separately” end up going un-considered because the separate materials never arrived.
6. **Please make every effort to obtain all materials in advance** and include them under one cover.
7. **Failing to attach required transcripts.** Remember that you must send us an official transcript of your last completed year of school. If you are currently in your first year of college, a transcript of your first semester grades must also be included. Digitally authenticated transcripts, emailed directly from the issuing institution, are acceptable.
8. **Late applications.** Every year, we receive dozens of applications in the week following our deadline. Start early enough to complete your application, obtain all the necessary documentation, and get the application in the mail well before the deadline. We will penalize or disqualify late applications.
9. **Failing to complete essays** and questions in a thoughtful manner. The content and quality of your writing matters. Most of our awards are highly competitive, and we receive many times more applications than we have awards to give. We are looking for thoughtful, reasoned responses that give us an idea of your personality, abilities, and needs. If you simply write perfunctory answers without giving thought to them, it will show, and will reflect poorly on your chances for an award. Remember, you are communicating your needs and abilities. Give it an appropriate amount of time and effort.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The level of your academic performance and achievements in the past is a major factor in our decision, and the average academic level of applicants is quite competitive. Please note that the academic section of the application specifies a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all applicants. If your GPA is below this level, you **WILL NOT** qualify for an award.

MASONIC FRATERNAL INVOLVEMENT

Although membership in Masonry or a Masonic Youth Group is not a requirement for receiving an award, it is a significant advantage. Be sure we know about your fraternal activities, as this can be a deciding factor when candidates have similar needs and academic qualifications.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Although these do not receive major weight in our process, they have certainly made the difference in decisions between highly qualified candidates. Success in outside activities often correlates to success in higher education.

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This is a highly competitive grant program and cannot be given to all that apply. Please type application, or print in ink. Do not use pencil. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.*** Applications ***will not be considered*** without each of these items:

1. All pages of this application, with complete information. Be sure to sign and date the application on the last page. Original transcript or certified school copy of your most recent completed academic year (high school or college.) Digitally authenticated transcripts, emailed directly from the issuing institution, are acceptable. If you are in your first year of college, please also include a transcript of your first semester's grades. Proof of financial need.

2. Properly labeled pages containing the completion of any answers in this application, and any additional information you would like the committee to consider.

Mail completed applications to:
Pyramid Lodge Masonic Youth Scholarship
2385 Van Buren Ct. Reno, NV 89503

We appreciate your interest in the scholarship program of the Grand Lodge of Free & accepted Masons of Nevada, Pyramid Lodge #43. It is a competitive program with a limited number of awards granted to those who meet the necessary criteria, show academic promise, and financial need, and properly complete the application. ***Please follow all instructions.*** As a courtesy, all applicants will be notified by mail prior to June 1 whether or not a scholarship will be awarded to them. All information is provided for the sole use of the **Pyramid Lodge #43, Masonic Youth Foundation Educational Endowment Committee**. It is retained in a secure location, and ultimately destroyed to preserve your privacy.

Note: it is the policy of the Pyramid Lodge #43 to issue checks payable to the scholarship recipient's High School, upon proof of enrollment provided.

Required Supporting Documentation:

Official copy of applicant's academic transcript.
Appropriate standardized test data
Class ranking at the end of 11th grade
Guidance Counselor's comments supportive of application
Signed authorization for release of academic status materials

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SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone Number: (____) ____ - ____ E-mail Address: _____

Work Number: (____) ____ - ____ Alt.

Phone Number: (____) ____ - ____

Gender:

☐ Male

☐ Female

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ (MM/DD/YYYY) Age: _____

Are you a current resident of Washoe County Nevada? Yes No

If not currently, have you ever been a resident of Nevada? Yes No Number of Years as a Resident: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____
: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Character References: Please provide 3

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Address : _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Address : _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Address : _____

SECTION 2: ACADEMICS

Name of High School : _____

Current Grade in High School : _____ Expected Date of Graduation : _____

Name of High School Guidance Counselor: _____

Counselor's Phone Number: (775) _____

Top three Career Preferences:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

Are you attending a: ☐ College University ☐ Business School ☐ Trade School

Name of Institution: _____

Address: _____

Class in which you will be enrolled as of the fall 2017 semester: (check one)

☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Current Student Status at College: (check one)

☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ Enrolled for next academic year.

Major Course of Study: _____

Minor Course(s) of Study: _____

Do you anticipate transferring or attending a post–secondary school different than the one listed above? ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, list name of post-secondary school: _____

Grade Point Average: Please provide your cumulative grade point average for your last COMPLETED academic year (as of June): (For example: if you are a High School Senior, provide the G.P.A. from your Junior Year.) Transcripts enclosed MUST evidence this.

NOTE: MUST EQUAL OR EXCEED 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (75%).

Current G.P.A.: _____ on a scale of _____

Standardized Test Scores: Please list S.A.T. scores for Critical Reading, Writing, and Math.

Critical Reading: _____ Writing: _____ Math: _____ **If**

S.A.T. scores are not available, please explain why.

Academic Organizations

Is the National Honor Society available at your High School? ☐Yes ☐No

Are you a member of the National Honor Society? ☐Yes ☐No

If you hold an office in the National Honor Society, list it here: _____

List other academic honor societies and academic school clubs in which you hold membership (nonacademic clubs are to be included in Section : Extracurricular Activities):

Personal Goals Essay

Please state your primary educational and lifetime goals, in your own words, in paragraph form, using 50 to 100 words.

You may attach your **Personal Goals Essay** ☐ Check here when attached.

Personal Experiences Essay

"Pick one experience from your own life and explain how it influenced your development."

You may attach your **Personal Experiences Essay** ☐ Check here when attached.

Educational Expenses:

Cost of Tuition: _____
Transportation: _____
Cost of Room and Board: _____
Cost of Books and Supplies: _____
Other Expenses: _____
Total of All Expenses: _____

List financial aid (scholarships and grants but not loans) that you have been approved to receive for the next academic term:

List names of dependent children in the family (other than applicant) who are CURRENTLY ENROLLED in a post-secondary school. (Do not list private elementary or high schools.)

Name: _____ School Attending: _____

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You may ATTACH A STATEMENT providing any additional explanation of your finances that you feel might help the committee understand your current need. ☐ Check here when attached

SECTION 3: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES

List memberships in non-academic clubs, civic activities, community, political and religious organizations list your accomplishments in these organizations (such as serving as an officer, receiving awards and honors, or other achievements.)

You may ATTACH A STATEMENT providing any additional details of your other Activities.

☐ Check here when attached.

SECTION 4: CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information contained herein, or attached, is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I have made no effort to hide pertinent information from the committee.

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Signature of Applicant	Date

Where did you find out about this scholarship program? _____
