

FORT WORTH SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION, INC.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INTRODUCTION

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. (the “Foundation”) is pleased to announce its 2026 Scholarship Program. Each scholarship is Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) and will be awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein and in the attached sample letter to be sent to the institution designated by the student. The scholarships honor seniors graduating from high schools/secondary schools for their scholastic, extracurricular and community efforts and dedication. Students graduating from Home Schooling, Virtual Schools, and Private Schools do not qualify for these scholarships. Successful applicants must be a U.S. citizen.

Five (5) of the scholarships are reserved for students who will be seeking an Associate Degree at a community college, sometimes known as junior college.

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation is a Masonic body. *The Mission of Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.*

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: Applicants must comply with these instructions, or the application may not be considered. Please also review the Scholarship Conditions on Page 2 before completing the application.

1. Answer all questions on **Pages 4 and 5** of this application.
2. Remove all application materials including transcripts and reference letters from envelopes or folders.
3. **Assemble** an application package in the following order:
 - a) Your completed pages 4 and 5. No photos.
 - b) Your high school/secondary school transcript.
 - c) A copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores. (Can be downloaded from the internet.)
 - d) Two academic reference letters for you.
 - e) Two personal reference letters for you.
4. Mark out all but the last four numbers of your Social Security Number on all documents in your application package (for example: some transcripts have the full number printed on them).
5. **Prepare five (5) additional sets (i.e., 5 copies)** of the application package. Watch for documents that may need to be copied front and back.
6. Organize all six (6) sets of the application package into a single envelope/parcel. Separate each set using paper clips or binder clips. No staples, folders, or report covers, please.
7. Application packages must be shipped/postmarked **or** delivered to the Scottish Rite office **no later than Friday, February 20, 2026.**

Mail the application package to: Fort Worth Scottish Rite Office
PO Box 1320
Fort Worth, TX 76101-1320

Or ship, or deliver to the office at: 1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth, 76102
Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm

Questions: 817-335-6004 | admin@fortworthscottishrite.org

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SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

1. Scholarships will be awarded to seniors graduating from a high school or other secondary school in the spring or summer of 2026. Students need not have any Masonic or Scottish Rite affiliations to apply. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen.
2. All scholarship applicants MUST provide parent(s) or guardian(s) contact information to include name, address, city, state, and zip code along with at least one email address and a cell phone number.
All scholarship recipients and parent(s) or guardian(s) are strongly urged to attend the Grand Annual Banquet scheduled for June 13, 2026, to honor the recent graduates and the Anson Jones Awardee who will deliver the Keynote address.
3. Only students who reside in or are graduating from a high school in the following counties will be considered:

Archer	Hamilton	Shackelford
Baylor	Hardeman	Somervell
Callahan	Haskell	Stephens
Clay	Hood	Stonewall
Coleman	Jack	Tarrant
Comanche	Johnson	Taylor
Cooke	Jones	Throckmorton
Denton	Knox	Wichita
Eastland	Montague	Wilbarger
Erath	Palo Pinto	Wise
Foard	Parker	Young

4. Only one scholarship will be awarded per school. Any number of students from that school may apply.
5. Each scholarship is for the sum of \$2,500.00 payable at the beginning of the 2026-27 scholastic year to the Financial Affairs office of the institution designated by the scholarship recipient. Funds must be disbursed by September 1, 2029, or if the recipient withdraws from the institution of choice, will be forfeited.
 - A transmittal letter to the academic institution will be in a form similar to the sample included on the next page and also describes additional conditions usually pertaining to the scholarship.
6. Properly completed application packages will be reviewed and graded by the Scholarship Committee of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.
7. Application packages are reviewed and graded based upon the scholastic, extracurricular, civic efforts and dedication of the applicant.
8. Among factors considered as scholastic efforts and dedication will be SAT and ACT scores, transcripts and listing of honors, advanced placement and dual credit courses.
9. The two academic reference letters must be from the faculty of the high school/secondary school attended by the student and should address the academic merit of the applicant and cite specific achievements and activities.
10. The two personal reference letters must **not** be from a member of the applicant's family and should cite specific achievements and activities apart from scholastics.

11. Grading and scoring of completed application packages and the award of scholarships is in the sole discretion of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.

Sample Letter to Institution

(Subject to Change at Fort Worth Scottish Rite Discretion)

Re: Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Grant for the 2026-27 Academic Year

Dear Financial Aid Administrator:

The enclosed check represents the proceeds of a scholarship awarded by the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. to the student named above who has informed us that he or she will be attending your institution in the 2026-27 academic year. These funds are to be deposited in the financial aid/scholarship account for that student. If the student does not enroll in your institution by the end of the first semester's enrollment period, please immediately return the funds to the Foundation.

These scholarship funds are not to be used to displace any of the following aid:

- Federal grants and scholarships
- State Sponsored grants and scholarships
- Your institution's need-based or merit-based grants/scholarships
- Other private grants and scholarships
- Work-study

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. scholarship is to be used only for:

- Tuition
- Fees
- Books and Instruments/Tools required for current classes

Scholarship funds should not be paid out to the student unless the funds reimburse the student for books or instruments purchased for current classes.

If the student does not need the funds for the fall semester, please hold the funds until needed. Should the student withdraw from your institution with funds from this scholarship remaining in his/her account or does not use the funds by September 1, 2029, then any remaining funds must be returned to the Foundation.

If these terms and conditions are not acceptable to your institution, the enclosed funds are to be returned immediately to the Foundation.

Please direct all correspondence to me at the above address and telephone number.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Billington
General Secretary

Copy to: (student)

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. Add additional pages as necessary for narrative responses.

Name: _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Email address _____ Phone number _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes _____ No _____ Last 4 digits of SS- or A- number _____

What is the name of the high school/secondary school you attend and what city it is located in?

What is your anticipated graduation date? _____

ACT score _____ SAT score _____

What college, university or other postsecondary institution do you plan to attend (name and city/state)?

Is this a Community/Junior College? Yes _____ No _____

What will be your field of study or college major? _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Parent or Guardian phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony? Yes _____ No _____

How did you learn about our scholarship program?

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Please write a personal statement of lifetime goals and discuss how you will incorporate your future education into those goals.

Describe your employment history, if any:

Describe your extracurricular activities, if any:

Describe your civic and religious activities, if any:

Comment on the Mission of Scottish Rite Masonry which appears on page one of this application package.

List the honors, advance placement, and dual credit courses for which you have received credit, if any:

Do you believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to the principles of civil liberty exemplified by the Constitution of the United States of America?

Yes _____ No _____

I certify that the information that I have given on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge on this _____ day of _____, 202__.

Signature of Applicant