



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

from the

## ARLINGTON MASONIC BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION

The Masons of this country, of Texas, and particularly of Arlington, have long prized education. Our Founding Fathers knew that this experiment in Democracy could only survive with a well-educated populace. Brother Sam Houston's Vice President, Brother Lamar, when he became the President of the Republic of Texas, got land set aside in every county for public education as well as 50 leagues of land for the State which would become the University of Texas and Texas A&M University. In our area, Rev. Hayter, who located the railway through Arlington and named this City, became the first Master of our Lodge and oversaw our Lodge offering our building as the first schoolhouse for the local residents and paying for the first Principal and teachers. Thus, public education in Arlington was started in the Masonic Lodge, and we have continued to support education to this day.

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist qualified students with their first year of tuition to a college, university, or trade school to help them reach their career goals. The scholarships will be in the amount of \$1500, and if the student attends Tarrant County College (TCC), completes at least 12hrs/semester, and maintains a 2.5 GPA for the first year, TCC will match the \$1500 covering tuition expenses for the second year. Students do not have to attend TCC, but that is the only school providing matching funds. One scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at each public high school in Arlington. Additional scholarships may also be awarded to those with Masonic affiliation, but the scholarships to the AISD high schools require no such affiliation. They are *from* the Masons to our community.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Career goals which will be enabled by higher education
- Community activities over the past few years
- Academic achievements
- School activities
- Financial need
- Employment experience
- Letter of Recommendation

While academic achievements are important, as they show an ability to achieve your goals, they are no more important for this scholarship than your demonstrated contributions to the community and aspirations to do so in the future with the help of this scholarship.

Interested students are encouraged to obtain an application from the high school counselor's office or online. Each winner will be presented the scholarship at their high school award ceremony in May. **Completed applications may be mailed to the Arlington Masonic Benevolence Foundation, 1415 W Abram St, Arlington, TX 76013, or may be submitted via email to [zhaston@gmail.com](mailto:zhaston@gmail.com)**

**Final deadline for receiving the application is April 15, 2024.**

Questions may be addressed to Zachary Haston at 817-821-6122 or via email to [zhaston@gmail.com](mailto:zhaston@gmail.com)

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**NOTES:**

- a. **Incomplete applications cannot be considered. In addition to this form, please attach the one-page essay requested below in Section 5 along with two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, or other non-related adults.**
- b. **Students must graduate high school by the Spring or Summer of 2024.**
- c. **If a scholarship is awarded, students will later need to provide proof of registration for classes for the Fall 2024 semester in an accredited college or university, or an approved trade school. The Arlington Masonic Benevolence Foundation must specifically approve the use of funds for any trade school, and this can be the cause for denial of the funding of a scholarship.**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Masonic Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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Approximate household annual income: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of household dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of household dependents attending post-secondary school in 2023-24: \_\_\_\_\_

What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of, plead no contest to, or received deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor (this does not include traffic tickets)? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

What high school are/were you attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Class Ranking:      Top Quartile      2<sup>nd</sup> Quartile      3<sup>rd</sup> Quartile      Bottom Quartile

AP Credits (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores (if taken): Math \_\_\_\_\_ EBRW \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Composite Score (if taken): \_\_\_\_\_

TSI Scores (if taken): \_\_\_\_\_

Industrial-based Certifications Earned (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

3. COLLEGE CREDITS ALREADY EARNED (if any)

College credits: \_\_\_\_\_ College cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

4. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List memberships, offices held, and school years served in each school organization. \_\_\_\_\_

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List participation in sports, band, clubs, or other activities and school years served in each activity.

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List community involvement activities, offices, awards, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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List work experience, duration of employment, and number of hours worked per week while in school.

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5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (any other information you would like us to consider – not required)

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State briefly why you want to go to college and what you plan on doing with that education?

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5. ESSAY

Please attach an essay of less than one page identifying a cause that you are passionate about.

6. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, or other non-related adults who knows you. Applications will not be considered without a letter of recommendation.

7. CERTIFICATION

I understand that if I am chosen to receive a scholarship, my final approval is contingent upon the completion of my high school requirements prior to August of 2024, and the enrolling and registering for classes at an accredited college, university, or approved trade school for the Fall semester of 2024. Proof of registration must be provided before funds can be released, and if I plan to attend a trade school, the Arlington Masonic Benevolence Foundation must approve of the trade school. If all of these requirements are not met, I will relinquish any right to this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_