



SOLIDARITY LODGE

No. 1457 A.F. & A.M.

CHARTERED: DECEMBER 4TH, 1993 | CONSTITUTED: JANUARY 4TH, 1994

Under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Scholarship Application Guidelines

1. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America.
- Be a graduating senior from one of the following high schools:

Elsik High School
12601 High Star Dr.
Houston, Texas 77072

Sharpstown High School
7504 Bissonnet St.
Houston, Texas 77074

KIPP Houston High School
10711 KIPP Way
Houston, Texas 77099

- Be accepted into an accredited college or university in the United States or its territories.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate financial need through a written financial need statement.
- The application must be recommended by the principal or a designated representative of one of the schools listed above.
- Each school principal (or designated representative) may recommend up to three (3) applicants.
- Applications must be submitted by the stated deadline.

2. Required Documents

All applicants must submit the following materials:

- Completed Scholarship Application Form
 - Official Transcript
 - Personal Statement or Essay (see Section 3)
 - Letter of Recommendation from the Principal
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- Applicants may also include additional letters of recommendation from

2nd Friday of the Month, 7:30 pm



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- - Applicants may also include additional letters of recommendation from teachers, advisers, or employers.
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Proof of Acceptance Letter from a college or university

3. Essay / Personal Statement

Applicants must submit an original essay of 500–750 words addressing the following prompt:

“Describe a personal experience or challenge that has shaped your goals and explain how this scholarship will help you achieve them.”

Essays will be evaluated based on:

- Clarity
- Originality
- Depth of reflection
- Relevance to the prompt

Use of AI-generated writing tools (such as ChatGPT or similar applications) for essay composition is not permitted.

4. Application Window and Deadline

- Applications will be accepted beginning February 1.
- The application period will close on March 30 each year.
- Application Deadline: March 30 (annually).
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.



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5. Submission Instructions

All application materials must be submitted via email:

Email: To Be Determined

Subject Line: Scholarship Application – [Applicant's Full Name]

Please ensure that:

- All documents are submitted in PDF format.
- Files are clearly labeled (e.g., Lastname_Essay.pdf, Lastname_Transcript.pdf).

6. Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Solidarity Lodge Scholarship Committee based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance
- Essay quality
- Community involvement and leadership
- Demonstrated financial need (if applicable)
- Strength of recommendations

The number of scholarship recipients will be determined by the scholarship committee, subject to the availability of funds.

7. Award Notification and Presentation

- Recipients will be notified after the scholarship committee presents its recommendations to the lodge.
- Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient's educational institution or as outlined in the award letter.
- Awards will be presented at a date convenient to both the recipients and the lodge, prior to the end of the current Masonic year.

Prepared by:

2025–2026 Scholarship Committee

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