

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ALABAMA SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING FUND PLAN

The purpose for this part of the Charitable Outreach Program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to encourage them to award a scholarship to a deserving student in their community. Local Lodges can apply for up to \$500 in matching funds on a first-come first-funded basis. Grants will not be approved to anyone receiving a COC Scholarship that year. The COC's involvement will be limited to reviewing applications to ensure compliance with the established criteria.

The following shall apply to the administration of this plan:

The Lodge may make more than one application for Matching Scholarship Funds but cannot receive more than \$1,000 from this plan each Masonic year. The maximum amount of money paid out per application cannot exceed \$500 and is subject to the availability of funds. Requests for matching funds must be made on the applicable application form and submitted as instructed thereon. Application forms are available from Lodge Secretaries or can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge website (www.glofal.com).

Lodges receiving money from this Plan must ensure compliance with Edict 20.5 (No future act of assistance to be promised). Acceptance or rejection of each application will be determined by the Charitable Outreach Committee subject to the availability of funds. In all cases, matching funds are not assured. No assurance should be given by a Lodge that matching funds will be forthcoming from the Grand Lodge.

The applicant must be domiciled in the state of Alabama except for the purpose of attending school, provide proof of acceptance or attendance in an accredited post graduate or technical school and demonstrate an acceptable level of academic achievement. It is recommended that an application form similar to the one used for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Plan be used by lodges to evaluate applicants. To the extent possible, a representative of the Masonic fraternity should present scholarship awards to recipients in an appropriate ceremony at the recipient's school or local Masonic Lodge.

Lodge checks in the amount of up to \$500 must be made payable to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and must accompany the application. Applications must be mailed to the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alabama, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054. Grand Lodge checks will only be made payable to the Individual listed on the application and not to the applying Lodge or Institution. Lodge checks will be returned if the application is not approved.

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ALABAMA SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING FUND APPLICATION

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama Scholarship Matching Fund Program is for eligible students now attending or moving into post secondary education, technical or occupational training. The student applicant must attend an accredited institution. Scholarship funds will be paid to the student. Matching Fund Scholarship awards are for up to \$1,000, and are at the sole discretion of the Charitable Outreach Committee and are considered final. All information will remain confidential. The Lodge is responsible to ensure that all requirements are met. Incomplete applications will not be considered. It is imperative that you review the program guidelines prior to completing this application. This application and Lodge check for up to \$500 must be mailed to: Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alabama, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054. Applications will be awarded on a first received-first awarded basis. The COC's involvement will be limited to reviewing applications to ensure compliance with the established criteria. Grand Lodge checks will be payable to the Individual listed on the application. Lodge checks will be returned if the application is not approved.

Date _____, 20__

Lodge Information

Lodge Name _____ No. _____ Masonic Group _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Point of Contact _____ Phone No. _____
 Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Applicant's Personal Information

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____
 Home Address _____ City _____
 County _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 School or College applicant attends or will attend _____

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____
 (If applicant is under 21 years of age)

Lodge Check List

_____ Resident of the State of Alabama _____ Official Transcript sighted
 _____ Lodge Check for up to \$500 enclosed _____ Edict 20.5 explained to nominee

Lodge Master's Signature _____

Lodge Secretary's Signature _____

Lodge Seal

Grand Lodge rules require the following information be stated: "20.5 NO FUTURE ACT OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROMISED" The granting of financial assistance to any person(s) under any provision of the Masonic Outreach Program is not to be relied upon as an indication that any future act of aid or assistance will be provided to or for the benefit of said person(s). Neither estoppels nor any obligation to provide further assistance shall arise. The Grand Lodge specifically prohibits any person from making assurances of future aid or assistance to any person(s) from the Masonic Outreach Program and any such representation shall be deemed beyond the scope of the authority of all persons representing the Grand Lodge. The content of this edict shall be made known to each recipient of funds from the Charitable Outreach Program."