



APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 19, 2024
JUSTICE LODGE
#285 F & AM
Educational Trust Award

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Justice Lodge No. 285, F & A.M. of Linwood, N.J., established a Scholarship Foundation consistent with the ideals of Justice Lodge and its policies of furthering the educational advancement of worthy high school or college graduates, possessing those qualities of mind and character, which hold promise of social usefulness and civic leadership.

The Educational Trust is established expressly for the purpose of assisting the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter or legally adopted child of a Master Mason in the twenty-third Masonic District of the State of New Jersey.

The recipient of the award must enroll in an accredited community college, college or university and attend courses leading to a degree. Where the scholarship holder is accepted to enter a postgraduate program prior to or after the completion of his/her undergraduate program, he/she may do so by reapplying to the Scholarship Selection Committee for a post graduate scholarship.

The recipient shall maintain a scholastic average consistent with the high standards of the Scholarship Award. Official reports may be required at the completion of each semester.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of the following qualifications:

- **Character**
Applicant shall possess exemplary moral character and habits.
- **Scholarship**
Applicants shall demonstrate evidence of a sufficient level of academic achievement that will assure admission to an institution of higher learning.
- **Religious Consciousness**
Evidence of a consciousness and appreciation for his/her religious and cultural heritage.
- **Financial Need**
The presentation of facts indicating need for financial assistance to pursue higher education.

Interview:

Finalists will be required to participate in an interview with the members of the Selection Committee.

APPLICATIONS

1. Applications shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Scholarship Selection Committee to be received by the Committee no later than April 19, 2024.
2. Application forms may be obtained from the High School Guidance Department, the Secretary of any of the Masonic Lodges in the 23rd Masonic District*, or the address at the bottom of this letter.
3. **Incomplete applications, or applications received by the Committee after April 19th will not be considered – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Annual presentation of the award(s) shall be made at a time and place to be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee.
5. Applications will be accepted by mail only: Bruce Peskoe
1520 South Main Street
Pleasantville, NJ 08232
(609) 484-9800

*The Masonic Lodges of the 23rd Masonic District are located in Atlantic County, New Jersey. Membership in good standing (or Deceased) of the Father, Stepfather, Grandfather or Step-Grandfather of the applicant in one of these lodges is required.

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In This Space**

**APPLICATION FOR
JUSTICE LODGE
#285 F & AM EDUCATIONAL TRUST AWARD**

Note: All applications must be submitted no later than the due date specified. Applications must be typewritten or completed in legible hand print. All information herein is for the sole confidential use of the Justice Lodge Scholarship Selection Committee, and is subject to verification from other sources. **Incomplete applications will not be considered. A failure to submit all required supporting documents will render the application incomplete. Each application MUST include legible signed copies of 2023 year's Form 1040 of the applicant, parent(s) and spouse if applicable, copy of both your high school transcript and the official notification of your TEST scores, properly executed Certificate of Eligibility from Masonic Lodge Secretary attesting to the good standing of the sponsoring family member.**

A. FAMILY HISTORY

Name

Residence

Telephone

Email Address

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Of which Masonic Lodge in the 23rd Masonic District of New Jersey is your qualifying father or grandfather a current member in good standing (or deceased) member.

LODGE: _____ MEMBER'S NAME _____ Living/Deceased

Relatives

Name

Present Occupation
Or Grade Level

Where Employed
College Attending

Father

Mother

Sibling

Sibling

Sibling

Sibling

Business or occupation of father and mother for past three (3) years.

From	To	Business or Occupation	Where Employed
Father			
Mother			

B. Graduating High School Seniors, Please Attach High School Transcript

What is your class rank? _____ Number of students in your class? _____

What are your S.A.T. scores? _____ What is your GPA? _____

What is your ACT Score? _____

C. College Students or those entering Advanced Degree Programs
Attach transcripts showing credits and grades

If applicable:

GMAT Score _____ MCAT Score _____ LSAT Score _____

D. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

Schools attended in last four years:

From	To	Name of School	Location
1.			
2.			
3.			

E. What Schools have accepted you?

If not accepted, to what Colleges have you applied?

What course of study do you intend to pursue?

Why have you chosen this particular program?

F. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

(Use a separate sheet of paper to answer any questions if needed)

What groups or organizations have you held memberships or office?

List extracurricular activities such as drama, music, art, literature, athletics, etc.

What honors have you earned in school?

What prizes, awards, service points, etc. have you earned?

Give any other information you think pertinent to your school activities.

G. COMMUNITY SERVICE

You are encouraged to list any civic involvement, religious affiliations and involvement, and volunteer efforts in which you have participated. Please provide the name and phone number of contact person of each organization.

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

What are your activities and hobbies outside of school?

Is there any additional information that you would like us to consider?

I. FINANCIAL DATA

**Copies of all 1040 Federal Income Tax returns and W-2 forms must be furnished.
Failure to comply will disqualify applicant from consideration.**

Father:	Mother:
2023 _____	2023 _____
2024 (est.) _____	2024 (est.) _____
Self:	Spouse (if applicable):
2023 _____	2023 _____
2024 (est.) _____	2024 (est.) _____

How much is your family's expected annual contribution to your education? _____

Are there any additional financial circumstances you feel should be considered?

NOTE: All financial documents will be shredded when no longer needed.

List the jobs, internships or co-ops you have held during the past three years with dates of service.

What do you expect to do this summer?

J. ESSAY

Choose one of the following topics. Please write and submit an essay of a minimum of 3 paragraphs.

1. Choosing someone in your life who you have come to admire and respect, tell us about how that person has impacted your life. (It can be a family member, a teacher, a neighbor, or anyone you feel has been a positive influence on your thinking or decision-making).
2. Selecting a major field of study is always difficult. Thinking about your choice of majors, what led you to this particular field? What do you hope, eventually, will be your profession or career? Explain your thinking.

REFERENCES

Please attach two personal letters of reference:

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby state that I have read this application containing the objects, rules and regulations of the Justice Lodge #285 F & AM Educational Trust Award, and that the facts contained in this application are true and correct, and that I respectfully make application for the Justice Lodge Scholarship #285 F & AM Educational Trust Award knowing that the statements contained herein will be relied upon as being true and correct.

I further state that if I receive the Justice Lodge #285 F & AM Educational Trust Award, I will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Justice Lodge #285 F & AM Educational Trust.

Date _____
Signature of Applicant _____

CERTIFICATION OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN

We hereby declare that we have read the answers of the applicant in the foregoing statement and that they are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date _____
Signature of Father _____
And
Signature of Mother _____
Or
Signature of Guardian _____

**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY
FOR
JUSTICE LODGE #285 F & AM EDUCATIONAL TRUST
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The applicant signing the enclosed application is responsible for the following:

The Applicant must provide proof that his or her Master Mason Father or Grand Father is currently or was at the time of his passing a Member-in-Good-Standing of their Blue Lodge within the 23rd Masonic District.

NAME of the Sponsoring Master Mason:

(please print or type)

Relationship to Student: Father, Grandfather, Stepfather*, Step-Grandfather*
* A legal adoption constitutes lineage

Certification is to be provided by the current Secretary of that Master Mason's Blue Lodge. The applicant is responsible to get this Certificate of Eligibility to the secretary of the Lodge and when completed, submit it along with the entire application packet to the Selection Committee by April 19, 2024.

----- Below to be completed by the Lodge Secretary -----

(please type or print clearly):

I, hereby and herein, Certify that the above mentioned Master Mason is/was a member in Good Standing in _____ Lodge,

No. _____ F. & A. M.

Signature of Lodge Secretary

Date: _____

Affix
Lodge Seal
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