

**Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas
Jack Ellison Scholarship Application**

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas is a non-profit fraternal organization which wishes to promote and enhance excellence in education. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas will provide academic scholarships for students.

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 30, 20_____ AND MAILED TO:

Scholarship Committee

**P. O. Box 296
Waco, TX 76703**

DESCRIPTION:

Jack Ellison scholarships seek to help Full Time College students reach their full educational and career potential in the pursuit of post-secondary studies. Deserving students with financial need shall be considered for these renewable scholarships that may be used for attendance at a 4-year College or University. Scholarships may be used for direct costs including tuition, academic fees, books and/or college sponsored room and board.

AWARD:

Up to 4 individually awarded scholarships each year.

4 Year College or University: renewable for 3 additional years.

ELIGIBILITY:

Must be a full-time student in a Texas College or University with a 3.0 or above grade point average.

Must be a child or grandchild of a Texas Mason and show proof thereof.

Must exemplify the ideas and principals of the Masonic order.

Must not be participating in athletics.

Recipients will be selected based on their potential to succeed in college, level of financial need, demonstrated character, integrity and work ethic, extra-curricular, employment and/or community involvement. Students with a GPA of 3.0 and above will be considered. Registration for full-time study (12 hours or more).

CRITERIA FOR RENEWAL:

1. The recipient must be registered for full-time study (12 hours or more) at a College or University and study toward a degree objective.
2. Recipient must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
3. Recipient must write a one-page update on his/her activities and progress to the Committee prior to the scholarship renewal each fall.
4. For release of renewal payments, recipient must furnish an official college transcript showing GPA after each semester as proof of enrollment and continued scholarship eligibility.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT:

Scholarship payments will be sent directly to the recipient's University/College, ½ for the fall semester and ½ for the spring semester. Recipient must furnish University/College transcript showing GPA after each semester as proof of enrollment and continued scholarship eligibility. Scholarships may be used for direct costs including tuition, academic fees, books and/or college sponsored room and board. Any unused scholarship money that has been released to the university of college shall be returned to The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION:

Recipients will be chosen by a designated Scholarship Selection Committee composed of Texas York Right Masons. This scholarship cannot be awarded to the children or grandchildren of the current members of the governing board of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas or Scholarship Committee members. The Scholarship Committee will not consider race, creed, color, national origin or sex of any student in its deliberations when choosing a recipient.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

SS# _____ DOB _____

Gender: Male Female

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Legal Resident Other

SCHOOL: College or University you plan to attend:

(Attach any College acceptance letter received to application.)

FINANCIAL: The Scholarship Committee can evaluate your financial need only if it knows how you are supported. Parent's signature to verify income information is required in the Certification section of this application.

Father's name _____ Occupation _____

Father's employer _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's employer _____

Guardian's name *(if applicable)* _____

Father's highest level of educational degree _____

Mother's highest level of educational degree _____

Number of children in family _____

Number of siblings in college _____

Estimate of parents' last year's GROSS (*before taxes*) Annual Income (*check one*)

\$0-\$20,000 \$20,000-\$40,000 \$40,000-\$60,000 \$60,000-\$80,000

\$80,000 and above

Have you applied for Federal/State student financial aid (FAFSA)?

Yes No

Estimated Sources of Financial Aid:

Scholarships Awarded \$ _____

Grants Awarded (Federal, Pell, State) \$ _____

Assistance offered by University/College \$ _____

List all financial assistance applied for, but not yet awarded:

Anticipated College expenses:

Tuition \$ _____

Room/Board \$ _____

Other \$ _____

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICES H.S. YEARS:

Activity	Position/Office
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Awards/Honors:

WORK EXPERIENCE. POSITIONS HELD.

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY WORK EXPERIENCE IN FULL.

Employer's Name _____ Year _____

Position Held _____

Employer's Name _____ Year _____

Position Held _____

Employer's Name _____ Year _____

Position Held _____

REFERENCES:

Two non-related adult references are required for this application.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all the information on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. The application package becomes the property of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and will not be returned or acknowledged.

Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

I understand that all references are confidential and that no one, including myself, other than the Selection Committee members, may examine them.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

I certify that my Gross Income Level indicated on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

DEADLINE:

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, of this year.

Incomplete application packets or packets mailed after the deadline will not be considered. Application reference forms must be mailed separately and postmarked by the same deadline.

APPLICATION
CHECKLIST

- () Completed Application Form

- () Sign and Distribute 2 copies of Personal Reference Forms

- () Signed Certification Statement

All requirements must be included with this application. Applicant Reference Forms must be mailed separately. **Incomplete application packets or packets mailed after the deadline will not be considered.** Application packets and individually mailed reference forms must be postmarked no later than **April 30 of this year.**

Mail to:
Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 296
Waco, TX 76703

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT REFERENCE FORM:

_____ has applied for a Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas Scholarship. This scholarship can be used for a 4-year College/University. In order that we may appraise his or her qualifications for a scholarship, we would appreciate your candid evaluation, which will be held in strict confidence by the Scholarship Committee. No one, including applicant, will be allowed to read this reference other than Scholarship Committee Members. An application requirement is that each candidate must submit two (2) character references. Consideration will not be given to students whose application packets are incomplete. Please mail this evaluation directly to the Scholarship Committee and place your signature across the envelope seal prior to mailing. **This reference must be mailed and postmarked no later than April 30 of this year and mailed to:**

Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 296
Waco, TX 76703

Signature of Scholarship Applicant

_____ Date _____

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unknown
Personal Integrity					
Responsibility					
Maturity					
Work Ethic					
Motivation					
Leadership					
Potential to Succeed in College					

I have known the applicant for _____ years.

In what capacity have you known him/her?

Please make additional comments about the applicant's potential or personal qualities that you feel would be helpful in assessing his/her qualifications. Note any distinctive talents or qualities, special personal interests and/or unusual family circumstance. You may attach an additional page if needed.

Signature _____ Date _____