

**PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP
Scholarship Program**

Dear Applicant:

In response to your request regarding information concerning our Scholarship Program please find enclosed on the following two pages:

1. Public Education and Citizenship Committee Statewide Essay Contest Rules and Guidelines.
2. Scholarship Application form for the year 2011-2012.

On behalf of the Public Education and Citizenship Committee and the Grand Lodge Officers, I would like to take the time to thank you for your interest and participation in our essay contest.

This year there will be ten (10) \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded to students throughout the entire State of Florida. All of the necessary details for this program can be found in the attached Rules and Guidelines.

We, the members of the Masonic Fraternity (the oldest Fraternity known to mankind), are committed and dedicated to the principle of public education for everyone. We have, in the past, continued to fully support the ideal of the Public School System.

The Masonic Fraternity is a broad based worldwide group of dedicated men, who contribute over one and a half million dollars **daily** to Charities. These include, but are not limited to, the Shrine Hospitals, Aphasia Clinics, Nursing Homes and Orphanages, and Hearing Impaired Clinics.

The first formal records of our Fraternity date back from the early 1700's. Today there are over four (4) million members worldwide. Originally "Masons" were Stone Cutters and Craftsmen at the building of King Solomon's Temple and have built many of the world's monuments and buildings. Many of these are still standing today. Throughout the years, many of our members have contributed much to our civilization and lifestyles as they exist today. For example, our first President George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Rudyard Kipling, Albert Einstein, John Wayne, Ernest Borgnine, and President Theodore Roosevelt were all Masons, just to name a few.

We are not a religious organization, but we do require a belief in a Supreme Being. We strongly support and believe in individual freedom, especially political and religious freedom of choice.

We offer this Scholarship Program as part of our continued commitment to public education.

On behalf of all Florida Masons, I would like to again say thank you for your interest in this program and wish you luck.

Respectfully and sincerely,

R.:W.: J. David Neveitt
Public Education and Citizenship Committee
of The Grand Lodge of Florida

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP STATEWIDE ESSAY CONTEST

The Rules and Guidelines

Eligibility: All Graduating High School Seniors in the State of Florida who will be attending a **State of Florida Supported School** during the following semester/quarter (Stated support schools include any Community Colleges, University, or division of higher learning governed by the State Board Regents). You must enter the school within one semester/quarter (excluding summer sessions) after you have been awarded this scholarship.

Requirements: A 1,000 word essay on “Why Education is Important.” All work must be original and become the property of The Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Florida.

Deadline: February 15, 2012. Applications and essays must be postmarked on or in possession of the State Chairman by February 15, 2012.

Mail to: Send all essays with your application to:
R.: W.: J. David Neveitt
State Chairman, Public Education and Citizenship
5801 63rd Terrace N
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Purpose: To continue our strong support of the youth and to reinforce our belief in the Public School System of this country.

Additional Information: The scholarship checks will be made payable to the institution designated by the recipient and placed into an account for the sole purpose of the recipients use. If not activated within one semester/quarter (excluding summer sessions) the scholarship will be withdrawn and added to the following year’s scholarships to be awarded.

ALL ESSAYS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THEIR OWN MERIT WITHOUT REGARD TO SEX, RACE, CREED, OR RELIGION, AND THE SCHOOL MUST BE ON THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP 2011-2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print or type.

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____
Number/Street City Zip

Phone Number: (____) _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____
Area Code Number Month / Day / Year

Social Security Number: _____

Present School or Last School Attended: _____

School Address: _____
Number/ Street City Zip

School Phone Number: (____) _____
Area Code Number

Approximate High School Graduation Date: _____

Intended Institution of Higher Learning:

Name

Address

Phone Number

Intended Course of Study: _____

ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY

Return Application and Essay to:

R.: W.: J. David Neveitt, State Chairman
Public Education and Citizenship Committee
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Pinellas Park, FL 33781