

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA **MCEC TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., located at 813 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, is pleased to offer the “**Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship**”. Scholarships will be awarded to several graduating Iowa high school seniors who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College. The scholarship may be used for any bona fide school related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and tools.

Race, creed, religion, color, gender, or national origin have no bearing in the selection process. A Masonic connection may be considered but is not required. Recipients are selected after completing this written application. Applicants will not be interviewed.

A broad-based criterion is used in the selection process. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance are carefully considered along with an evaluation of the applicant by a school official. The organization, appearance, and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

Public high school seniors, who feel that they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection, are invited to submit applications. These applications may be obtained through the guidance department of any public high school or from the Grand Lodge of Iowa's website at www.grandlodgeofiowa.com, and all material must be **postmarked no later than February 1, 2024, with adequate postage for the application to be considered** by the committee.

Completed applications, as well as questions or comments, should be directed to:

MCEC Scholarship Selection Committee
Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. and A.M.
P.O. Box 279
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-0279
Phone : 319-365-1438
E-mail : scholarships@gl-iowa.org
www.grandlodgeofiowa.com

Please attach as many pages as needed to complete the following:

4. Educational Plans:

Which Iowa Community College are you planning to attend? _____

What mechanical or trade course of study are you planning to take? _____

5. Need for Financial Assistance:

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. If you desire, relate any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

6. School Activities:

List those high school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the symbols 9, 10, 11, 12. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities.

7. Community Service:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

8. Include Evaluation by a School Official:

Please have a School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, or Counselor) provide the following information about you on official school stationery. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed.

- A. Personal attributes
- B. Abilities, talents, and interests
- C. Scholarship, study habits, and probable success in a vocational school
- D. Home and family
- E. Need for financial assistance
- F. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) which should be considered by the MCEC Scholarship Selection Committee

The letter may be attached to this application or forwarded to the Committee under separate cover postmarked no later than **February 1, 2024**.

9. Masonic Connection:

Are you or one of your relatives a member of a Masonic organization? _____
If so, please provide membership information.

2. Academic Record:

Grade Point Average _____ Date when above information was compiled _____

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a current, certified transcript of your credits by **February 1, 2024**. **If the application is not signed**, or if the application and supporting materials are **not postmarked** by this date, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

3. Personal Resumé:

You must complete this section in **your own handwriting**. Write about yourself, your home, your family, your interests, and your future educational and vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual (*Additional pages may be added*). **NOTE: Signature Required!**

Date Signature of Applicant