

Gleda Brooks, PGM, Chairman
ESTARL Scholarship Awards
5630 S. Benham Rd.
Versailles, in. 47042

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have been asked by Sister Carol Davis, WGM, to chair the ESTARL Scholarship Committee for the Indiana Grand Chapter this year. The purpose of this committee is to Organize and promote Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership through financial assistance to worthy students.

If you know of any student who has decided to dedicate their life to doing God's work in the church, then please let them know about this program. They do not have to be a member of the Masonic fraternal family nor do they have to attend school in Indiana. However, they must meet residency requirements for Indiana.

The student will need to contact a member of one of our Indiana Subordinate Chapters to make their request known. The member then brings the request to the attention of their Chapter. If the Chapter wishes to sponsor the student, which is to be determined by a favorable vote of the majority of those present at the meeting, the Secretary is instructed by the Worthy Matron to request an application from the ESTARL Committee Chairman or print forms from the OES Website. (This process must be followed annually to reaffirm the Chapter's support.)

Enclosed is a copy of the guidelines for future reference .This year's **deadline** for the return of the applications is **May 1,2026**. The committee will meet shortly following this date to review all applications to determine the amounts to be paid and to authorize the assistance to be issued.

Good religious leaders are needed in times such as these. Eastern Star is proud to be a small part in helping these dedicated young ladies and gentlemen to secure their endeavors. Hopefully your Chapter has been, and will continue, supporting this ongoing worthwhile project.

Fraternally,

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GUIDELINES FOR ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

1. A student applying for an ESTARL scholarship must be an Indiana resident.

- If they are attending an out-of-state school, they must furnish information regarding Indiana residency.

2. An applicant must be a full-time student attending an accredited school/university for one year.

*Undergraduate – 12 hours of classes

*Seminary or Master's Degree – 9 hours of classes

3. Same time applicants (husband and wife) will not be accepted.

4. Scholarships will be allocated according to the funds available by contributions of the Subordinate Chapters.

5. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the Chairman of the ESTARL Scholarship Awards Committee if their course of study is interrupted.

6. A student having completed their present education will notify the Chairman of the ESTARL Scholarship committee, in writing, in order for the student to be placed in our inactive file.

7. A first-time applicant will receive the application for the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) which must be completed and returned along with all required documentation postmarked or **time-stamped if sent electronically** by **May 1, 2026**, to:

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email: gledabrooks@gmail.com

8. If approved, the applicant will receive a check along with a Renewal Application for the following year. Please follow all directions as to required documentation and where to mail the renewal application.

9. The deadline for submitting applications and all required documentation to the ESTARL Committee must be postmarked by **May 1, 2026**. This date will be strictly adhered to by the Committee and it will be the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline.

10. A lack of correspondence from a student for a period of two (2) years will constitute an Inactive file for that student and the student's file will be destroyed by the ESTARL Scholarship Awards Committee.

11. The Committee will keep a ledger of former recipients which will include dates, amount of funds awarded and sponsoring Chapter.

Indiana Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
**Application for
Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership**

The purpose of the "Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership" (ESTARL) is to assist worthy young women and men who wish to devote their lives to God's Service, having graduated from an accredited high school, but not financially able to obtain the necessary education required in their chosen field of service.

In the selection of candidates, emphasis will be placed on NEED of Financial Assistance, Character, Leadership in Christian Activities, and Citizenship.

Applicant Sponsored by:

Chapter	Number	City	State
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(Recent Photo of Applicant)

Name of Applicant: _____

Last	First	Middle
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Home Address: _____

Street & Number	City	State	Zip
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Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Date of Birth: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Are you a Church member? _____

Name of Church: _____

Denomination: _____ Location: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Pastor's Address: _____

Street & Number	City	State	Zip
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Indiana Grand Chapter, O.E.S.
Application for
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Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____
Street & Number City State Zip

Present Address: _____
Street & Number City State Zip

High School from which you graduated:

Name Location Year

If in College, give Name Location and Class (if graduated, give year):

Name Location Class Year

What other schools have you attended? What Courses and Degrees?

Name Location Year

Degree Course

What Scholarships or Fellowships have you or do you hold?

Name line of Christian Leadership you plan to follow:

- _____ Minister
- _____ Missionary _____ Nurse _____ Teacher _____ Doctor
- _____ Director of Religious Education
- _____ Director of Youth Leadership What field: _____
- _____ Director of Choir _____ Youth or Church
- _____ Director of YWCA / YMCA
- _____ Church Organist _____ Secretarial Work _____ Evangelist

Or any other vocations or positions needed in Religious Leadership:

What Church activities or Christian Services have you or are you engaged in, where and when?

What Civic activities have you engaged in and when?

Give any Eastern Star or Masonic Relations/Memberships (not a requirement):

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Are you married? _____ Children _____ Number _____

ENCLOSE the following Credentials Requested with this application.

1. Academic Record

- 2 .A letter stating your reason for applying for the ESTARL Award.

3. **Three Letters of Recommendations** as to – CHRISTIAN LIVING – ACTIVITIES in CHURCH
Work – Ability in Field of Service or your Choice.
 - 1 From your Minister
 - 1 From an official from the college you are attending.
 - 1 (Preferably) From a business or professional or an acquaintance of long standing.

Do you pledge to engage in active Christian Service in your chosen field for a period of AT LEAST FIVE YEARS FOLLOWING YOUR GRADUATIION? _____

IF NOT, will you agree to refund the money awarded to you to the Grand Chapter of Indiana, OES? _____

Signature _____

ESTARL Committee of Chapter No. _____

(Chapter Seal)

Return this Application Blank, properly completed, including the Credentials required, and a recent photograph, to :

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ESTARL RENEWAL APPLICATION

Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone(_____) _____

Legal Resident of Indiana? (_____) YES (_____) NO

If YES, which of the following apply?

- _____ Hold Indiana driver's license
- _____ Have legal Indiana mailing address
- _____ Pay Indiana state income tax

EDUCATION

Have you previously attended college? (_____) YES (_____) NO

If YES, what is your degree? (_____) BS (_____) MS (_____) PhD

Attending which? (_____) COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (_____) Seminary

Complete name and address of College, University, or Seminary where currently enrolled

Name: _____

Address: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Currently employed? (_____) YES (_____) NO

If YES, give name and address of employer:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Sponsoring Chapter: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION:

- Official College/University Transcript
- Intent of Plans

Please return all documents by **May 1, 2026**, to:

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