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To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

This letter is to inform you about the NETTIE RANSFORD SCHOLARSHIP. We need you to spread the word!

This Scholarship was established by Indiana Grand Chapter in 1984 in honor of Sister Nettie Ransford, Past Grand Matron of Indiana. She had two daughters with special needs that died as young girls. She turned her loss into a goal to train people to assist those with disabilities, and their families. In order that they would enjoy a better, more productive life. Indiana Eastern Star has Scholarship money in a fund that gives financial aid to those students enrolled in and pursuing degrees in the field of Special Education.

The cost of higher education continues to increase. This is one-way Eastern Star can continue to assist those planning to work, not just in education, but to receive the more specific training needed in the field of Special Education. Each year this Committee seeks applications from students who meet the eligibility requirements of this scholarship. It is available to Sophomore and Junior students applying for their Junior and Senior years of college enrolled in Special Education Programs and the application requires proof of their desire and intent to work in this field.

Our NETTIE RANSFORD SCHOLARSHIP is funded by interest earned and donations received each year from chapters and members. We are a generous organization, and the Committee would like to support those individuals in this field of study needing financial assistance to meet their career goals. We ask your assistance in letting people know we have these scholarships available.

Applications must be received by April 3, 2026, for the school year beginning in the fall of 2026. Please contact me for applications, to answer any questions or to give any other assistance.

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We ask you, our members, to please share information about this scholarship with qualified college students seeking a career working with special needs children.

Fraternally,

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Applications can also be found on the Indiana Grand Chapter website: www.indianaoes.org/documents