

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR AN ESTARL AWARD EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARD FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

ESTARL is to assist deserving students, who are legal residents of the State of Florida, a full-time student, attending an accredited college or seminary and taking classes that will lead to a degree in some field of religious leadership. They must be of good moral character, in need of financial assistance and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Preference will be given to students who are at least a junior in college.

Applicants must send a written request to a Florida Eastern Star Chapter requesting their sponsorship for the ESTARL Award. This should be sent with ample time to provide the Chapter time to act upon the request. Our Chapters meet bi-monthly and sponsorship requires the vote of the Chapter. The application, complete with recent picture and letters of recommendation should accompany the request.

Applicant must send a letter to the Main Committee requesting the ESTARL Award. The letter should include the name and address of the school the student will be attending, the field of religious service he or she plans to enter and the classes he or she will be taking. Applicant should list all church, school or civic activities that he or she has been involved in. Give the committee a projection of their expected income, cost of living expenses, school cost and any other monthly bills, such as medical bills, insurance, car payment, school loans, etc.

The Grand Chapter has asked that we have three letters of recommendation. These letters should include:

1. A letter from the applicant's minister, on church letterhead.
2. A letter from a teacher or professor of a school the applicant has or is attending, on school letterhead.
3. A letter from someone who knows the applicant well, knows of their need of financial aid and their dedication in pursuing their goal of full-time Christian leadership.

Finally, you must request an official transcript or grade report of your last completed semester's grades. If you are currently in school the transcript should be of the semester you are now attending. This should be sent directly to the Chairman of ESTARL. We realize that our committee meetings do not coincide with the semesters, but please arrange to have your school forward a transcript to us as soon as it becomes available. Due to the schools timetable, this is the only document we will accept late.

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These requirements are all from the Grand Chapter of Florida. The Committee is not at liberty to act on any application until ALL requirements are met and ALL materials are received. In preparing your application, keep in mind that the deadline for the Fall semester is June 1st and the deadline for the Spring semester is December 1st. Everything must be in the hands of the ESTARL Committee on or before these dates to be considered for an ESTARL Award. All incomplete files will be denied.

Please arrange to have this information reach the chairman of the ESTARL Committee prior to June 1st and December 1st of the year.

I trust the above information will help to clarify some of the information we must have to process your request. We consider it a privilege to invest in the future of those who are answering the call to Christian service, but must try to do so wisely.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your Christian commitment.

Sincerely,

Lanette M. Stout

Chairman,
ESTARL Committee
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