



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Liberty Hill Lodge #432

The Masons of this country and of Texas have long prized education. Our Founding Fathers knew that this experiment in democracy could only survive with a well-educated populace. Brother Mirabeau B. Lamar when he became the President of the Republic of Texas, had land set aside in every county for public education as well as 50 leagues of land for the state which would become the University of Texas and Texas A&M University. Many Lodges offered their buildings as the first schoolhouses for the local residents and paid the wages for principals and teachers. Thus, public education in Texas was started in the masonic lodges and we continue to support education to this day.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist qualified students with tuition assistance to a college or university. The amount of the scholarship will be announced when awarded. A scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at Liberty Hill High School. Additional scholarships may also be awarded to those with masonic affiliation.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Career goals which will be enabled by higher education
- Community activities over the past few years
- Academic achievements
- School activities
- Financial need
- Employment experience

While academic achievements are important, as they show an ability to achieve your goals, they are not more important to this scholarship than your demonstrated contributions to the community and aspirations to do so in the future with the assistance of this scholarship.

Interested students are encouraged to obtain an application from the high school counselor's office or online. Each winner will be presented with a scholarship at their high school award ceremony in May.

Completed applications may be mailed to:

Liberty Hill Lodge Scholarship Committee
927 Main Street, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

The final deadline for receiving the application is April 30th of the graduation year.

Questions may be addressed to Richard Florence at (512) 789-3317 or emailed to PMLHL432@nv2cb.com

NOTES:

- a. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- b. Students must graduate in the Spring of the current year.**
- c. Students must enroll in a college or university for the Fall semester directly after graduation with a minimum of 12 hours in any major to receive the scholarship, upon being selected to receive a scholarship from our lodge, it is the recipient's responsibility to provide contact information to the school finance office along with your student ID number for our use to send the scholarship funds to be put into your account to draw from as necessary. The funds will be released upon receiving confirmation of your acceptance as a student from the educational institution you have chosen.**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Masonic Affiliations (if any) _____

What college or university do you plan to attend? _____

Financial Resources (include financial aid, grants, loans, parental help, jobs, etc.) _____

2. HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

What high school are you attending? _____ GPA (4pt scale) _____

AP Courses taken: _____

SAT Scores: _____

ACT Scores: _____

3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List memberships, offices held and school years served in each school organization. _____

List participation in sports, band, clubs, or other activities and school years served in each activity.

List community involvement activities, religious affiliations, offices, awards, etc. _____

List work experience, duration of employment, and number of hours worked per week while in school.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (any other information you would like us to consider – not required)

State briefly why you want to go to college and what you plan on doing with that education.

The above information is strictly confidential and will be used in determining scholarship awards. It will be made available only to the Scholarship Committee of Liberty Hill Lodge #432.

The Essay for the Masonic Lodge Scholarship

The essay required is on the topic of early Texas Masons. Most people do not realize that many of the men that formed the early history of Texas were Masons. Some of these are Sam Houston, Mirabeau B. Lamar, James W. Fannin, Jose Antonio Navarro, William B. Travis, Davy Crockett, Steven F. Austin, Moses Austin, Ben Milam, Anson Jones, Lorenzo D. Zavala, Jim Bowie, Ben McCulloch, David G. Burnet, Thomas Rusk, and Edward Burlinson.

Masonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternity- dedicated to the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. Masonry and its appendant bodies such as the Scottish Rite, York Rite (Chapter, Council and Commandery of Knight Templar) and the Shrine donate in excess of 1.8 million dollars per day to children's hospitals.

Masonry teaches strict moral principles and provides a pattern for men to live their lives with reverence, compassion, honesty, morality, kindness and charity. Masonry brings men together in harmony and equality. It is not a secret society. Its principal tenants are belief in God and tolerance of others.

CERTIFICATION

I understand that if I am chosen to receive a scholarship upon completion of all requirements, my final approval is contingent upon the completion of my high school requirements prior to September of this year and enrolling as a full-time (at least 12 semester hours) student at a college or university for the Fall semester directly after graduation. If I do not meet these requirements, I agree to relinquish any right to this scholarship. I give Liberty Hill Lodge #432 permission to use my name and picture for lodge purposes.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____