



## What is the Order of the Eastern Star?

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong. Members are comprised of men who are Master Masons, as were many of our country's great leaders—George Washington, Harry Truman, Francis Scott Key, Henry Ford, and not to forget—Buffalo Bill Cody! Women in the organization must have a specific relationship to a Master Mason, such as being the wife, daughter, granddaughter, mother, widow, or sister of a Master Mason. Eastern Star is, however, a completely separate organization from the Masonic Lodge, though we often meet in the same building.

Our organization is not a religion. Our teachings are sometimes referred to as “Secret”; however, the lessons taught within our meetings are based on heroines whose stories are told in the Bible. As members we try to exemplify the noble principles and high moral conduct which the stories of those heroines portray.

In Nebraska there are 80 Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in communities across the state, and currently there are over 7,000 members. Each year these members contribute thousands of dollars and devote hours of volunteer services to worthy projects. This scholarship program is just one of those projects. Again this year Nebraska Eastern Star members will give scholarships to high school seniors across the state. Members support activities within their own community as well as projects promoted by the state body, the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and the General Grand Chapter, the body which oversees Chapters all over the world. Nebraska members support the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children located in Fremont Nebraska and we assist with many projects of the Nebraska Masonic Lodge including The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic, the CHIP Program (Child Identification Program) and Service Dogs. Each year a “Special Project” is also selected to receive our support. Some of these projects have included Noah's Assistance Dogs in Crete Nebraska, the Juvenile Diabetes Association, and Make-a-Wish Foundation of Nebraska, Salvation Army, Alzheimer's Research, Multiple Sclerosis, Red Cross, Diabetes education Center of the Midlands and Rite Care and this year Wounded Warriors Family Support. We also support Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay for Boys, youth groups which are a part of our own “Masonic Family”.

For more information on becoming a part of our Masonic Family, contact the local Chapter who presented you with this scholarship or you may contact the Grand Chapter of Nebraska: 402-937-7056 or [nebraskaoes@msn.com](mailto:nebraskaoes@msn.com).

Congratulations on receiving this scholarship from your local Chapter. We send our best wishes to you for a successful college experience.

**APPLICATION  
EASTERN STAR SCHOLARSHIP  
DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING IS APRIL 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief statement on the following topics:

1. Indicate your plans for higher education and your goals for the future.

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2. Explain the need for scholarships and other aid in financing higher education.

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3. Why do you consider yourself a person of high moral character?

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4. List organizations you have been active in at school, church and in your community during the past four years.

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List any full or part time jobs you have had in the past four years.

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5. Describe any volunteer work or activities that would indicate your role as a citizen in your community.

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6. Please attach a letter of recommendation from a school official or teacher.