



Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M.

Masonic Charitable Education Corporation Scholarship Selection Committee

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September 24, 2018

Dear Guidance Counselor:

The Masonic Charitable Educational Corporation is pleased to offer the MCEC Technical Scholarships. The scholarships, known as the "Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarships", will be awarded to a number of graduating Iowa public high school seniors who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College. The scholarships may be used for any bona fide school related expense such as tuition, fees, books, and tools. The final determination of the number of scholarships and the amount is dependent on the investment income earned.

The enclosed application provides detailed information about this MCEC Technical Scholarship Program. Please take time to familiarize yourself with its contents and inform students about the availability of scholarships under this program. If applicable, please share this letter and the enclosed materials with other counselors from your high school who advise students graduating this academic year.

Interested students should first read the informational page to determine if they meet eligibility and selection criteria. In the selection process, an applicant's academic record, communication skills, financial need and plans for the future are considered carefully. Only those students who feel they satisfy these criteria should be given an application to complete, including plans to enroll in a mechanical or trades course of study at an Iowa Community College. **All completed and signed applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made to this requirement.**

Enclosed is one copy of the MCEC Scholarship Application Form with an informational page. You may photocopy this form as much as needed. Forms are also available online on the Grand Lodge of Iowa's website: <http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/grand-lodge/awards/> then click on "**MCEC Scholarship Form in PDF**".

If you have any questions, you may call the Grand Lodge of Iowa office at 319-365-1438 or email scholarships@gl-iowa.org.

Sincerely,

Carl N. Horne
Chairman

CNH/jar

Applicant's Name _____

Number _____

Reviewer _____

MCEC TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A.F. & A.M.

*This application must be postmarked no later than
March 1, 2019*

Applicant:

Before completing this application, read the informational page 4 which specifies the criteria for both eligibility and selection. Since the members of the Masonic Charitable Educational Corporation (MCEC) Scholarship Selection Committee have not met you and have only this application by which to evaluate you, carefully consider the content and completeness of your responses to the information being sought.

Additional pages of narrative or supporting documentation may be added to any section. This can include newspaper clippings, photos, letters of recommendation from people within your school and/or community, and other materials which will give the Committee a better insight about you, your school and your community activities. You are encouraged to submit materials that you do not expect to be returned. Any materials you would like returned must be identified and accompanied with a self-address, stamped envelope.

A pen, typewriter, or computer must be used to complete this application. **Section III, however, must be in your own handwriting.** Be certain that your handwriting is legible.

All applications and correspondence should be sent to the:

**MCEC Scholarship Selection Committee
Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.
P.O. Box 279
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-0279**

1. Identification Data (Print or type)

Applicant's Name _____

First

Middle

Last

Applicant's email address _____

Applicant's Address _____

Street or PO Box

City

Nine-digit zip

Telephone with area code

Applicant's High School _____

School Address _____

Street or PO Box

City

Nine-digit zip

Telephone with area code

Graduation Date _____

Month

Year

2. Academic Record:

Grade Point Average _____ Date when above information was compiled _____

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a current, certified transcript of your credits by **March 1, 2019**. If this information is **not postmarked** by this date, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

3. Personal Resumé:

You must complete this section in **your own handwriting**. Write about yourself, your home, your family, your interests, and your future educational and vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual (Additional pages may be added). **NOTE: Signature Required!**

Date

Signature of Applicant

Please attach as many pages as needed to complete the following:

4. Educational Plans:

Which Iowa Community College are you planning to attend? _____

What mechanical or trade course of study are you planning to take? _____

5. Need for Financial Assistance:

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. If you desire, relate any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

6. School Activities:

List those high school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the symbols 9, 10, 11, 12. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities.

7. Community Service:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community in particular. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

8. Include Evaluation by a School Official:

Please have a School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, or Counselor) provide the following information about you on official school stationery. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed.

- A. Personal attributes.
- B. Abilities, talents, and interests.
- C. Scholarship, study habits, and probable success in a vocational school.
- D. Home and family.
- E. Need for financial assistance.
- F. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) which should be considered by the MCEC Scholarship Selection Committee.

The letter may be attached to this application or forwarded to the Committee under separate cover postmarked no later than **March 1, 2019**.

9. Masonic Connection:

Are you or one of your parents a member of a Masonic organization? _____

If so, please provide membership information.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA

MCEC TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Race, creed, religion, color, sex, or national origin have no bearing in the selection process. A Masonic connection is preferred, but not required. Recipients are selected after completing this comprehensive written application. There will not be interviews of applicants.

A broad-based criteria is used in the selection process. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance are carefully considered along with an evaluation of the applicant by a school official. The organization, appearance, and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

Public high school seniors, who feel that they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection, are invited to submit applications. These applications may be obtained through the guidance department of any public high school or from the Grand Lodge of Iowa's website at www.grandlodgeofiowa.com, and all material must be **postmarked no later than March 1, 2019 for the application to be considered** by the committee.

Questions regarding applications and the scholarship program as well as completed applications should be directed to the:

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