

CHAPTER ESTARL COMMITTEES:

Please Note:

1. Section 3 form is to be kept by your committee to be completed for your evaluation of the applicant. Please detach that form before giving out the enclosed application form or forms.
2. Applicants must have applications and information to the Sponsoring Chapter by April 1.
3. The completed application must be signed by three sponsoring members and returned to the ESTARL Committee Chairman listed below no later than April 15, 2026.

Thank you very much for your continued interest in ESTARL and for your cooperation in returning the completed application.

ESTARL Committee Chairman
Kathryn Beaty
PO Box 412
Hamilton, Montana 59840

EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

“ESTARL”

TO THE APPLICANT:

Attached are the forms upon which to make application for an Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership. Applicants may be attending college, summer school or taking courses through online correspondence

Section 1 – To be filled out by the Applicant.

Include with the four pages which are in Section 1:

A transcript of your grades including the last semester or quarter.

Section 2 – Emphasis on religious endeavor.

Evaluation to be made in a letter of recommendation from the minister of the applicant's home church.

Section 3 – Emphasis on Star Chapter responsibility.

Recommendation and general information from a Star member or the Montana Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star which sponsors your application. (Form retained by sponsoring members.)

Note carefully:

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Late applications are not considered. Kindly see that the necessary requirements are explained to those sending letters of recommendation.

No change in your selection of school to which a scholarship may be sent can be made after June 1st.

When the forms are complete, they are to be returned to the member or to the Montana Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star which sponsors you and should be marked - **Attention: Scholarship Committee**. Letters of recommendation should be mailed directly to the sponsoring Chapter. The *entire application* must be in the hands of your sponsoring Chapter no later than April 1st, so that they can review it and forward it and the other required forms to the State Committee.

Application for Order of Eastern Star Training Award
for Religious Leadership

Montana “ESTARL” Awards are given by the Montana Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and are intended to assist Montana students to prepare themselves for work in one of the following fields or one closely related to the field of religion:

Ministry - Missions, including medical missions; directors of church music; religious education; and youth leadership.

These awards are given to students attending accredited college, universities, or seminaries. In selecting the recipients, emphasis is placed on need, character, scholarship ability, leadership and citizenship. These awards are for a maximum amount of \$2,000 and a minimum amount of \$500 in an academic year.

A transcript of grades including the last quarter or semester must accompany this application. Applicant is responsible for getting the application forms to the proper person.

If your school has been too recently accredited to be listed in the catalog of accredited schools, colleges, and universities, please attach information concerning this accreditation.

Date of Application _____

PERSONAL

Name in Full _____ Sex _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Present Address _____ Zip _____

Previous Address _____ Zip _____

Where is mail concerning scholarship to be directed? _____

Present occupation _____

What social organizations do you belong to? _____

What community activities have you engaged in? _____

EDUCATION

High school, colleges or universities attended or attending:

Institution	Years – Dates	Degrees or Major
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

INTERESTS

Athletics_____ Student Government_____ Music_____ Drama_____ Debate_____ Religious_____

Other_____

What honors or recognition have you received?_____

VOCATION AND PREPARATION

Increasingly today professional religious work is taking on new forms. There are almost unlimited possibilities beyond the word of local churches. It may be that you are exploring other interests such as work in the area of “church and society”, “religion and the arts”, the church and industry”, etc. If so, specify as clearly as you can what some of your present interests are and whether you intend to take graduate theological training in preparation for service.

For which phase of religious service are you expecting to prepare yourself?_____

Which college, university, or seminary will you attend next school term?_____

School address and zip code_____

Have you been accepted?_____ For what degree or degrees are you working?_____

Is it your present inclination to serve in this country or do you plan to serve abroad?_____

Would you be interested in serving in Montana?_____ Explain_____

FINANCIAL

Do you have any continuing indebtedness and financial obligation during the year in which you propose to study? _____ If so, please explain _____

How much financial assistance can you expect during the year from your parents or guardian?

Are you receiving any other scholarships? _____ If yes, please give type of scholarship and the amount _____

EXPERIENCE

Remunerative positions held:

Position	From	To	Employer

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Using no more than 150 words explain:

1. Your understanding of ministry and mission.
2. The role of religion in present day living.
3. Do you feel the work of churches may be made more effective? How?
4. Can you suggest ways that more young persons could be encouraged to enter religious service?
5. State your thoughts concerning Masonic, Order of Eastern Star, and other related orders.

Please Print or Type.

I shall use whatever award I may receive to the very best of my ability, and will endeavor to carry out my plans as outlined here. If I should decide that I am no longer interested in a religious vocation, I agree to return whatever money has not been used in this field, to the Grand Chapter of Montana ESTARL Scholarship Committee.

Signature of the Applicant

Section 2 - Page 1 General Information

Please request the letter of recommendation listed in Section 2 below and explain the special emphasis which is to be placed in it. The letter should be mailed directly to your sponsoring member or to the Montana Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star which is sponsoring your application no later than April 1st. Late applications are not considered:

Section 2

Have the Minister of your HOME Church submit a letter of recommendation using no more than 150 words and placing special emphasis on his/her impressions of your ability in your chosen field.

Section 3

Recommendation and general information from your sponsoring Star member or the Montana Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star which sponsors your application. This form is retained by sponsoring members.

“The Order of the Eastern Star does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin or religious belief in the administration of its scholarship program.”

Section 3

EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

Confidential statement by the local Chapter Scholarship committee or sponsoring Star member assisted by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron regarding:

_____ who is applying for an ESTARL Scholarship.

Use as much care in giving out these applications as you would a petition to our Order.

EVALUATION OF APPLICANT

Personal Appearance _____

Health _____

Dependability _____

Ethical Deportment _____

Relation with others _____

Ease in social situations _____

Poise and maturity _____

Possible success as a religious leader _____

Do any members know the applicant personally? Yes _____ No _____

Is the applicant related to any member of a Masonic Affiliated Organization? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, give the affiliation _____

Do you know any circumstances that might prevent the applicant's success as a religious leader?

With religious leadership in mind, summarize the reasons the applicant is worthy of consideration

Has a personal interview of the applicant been made by the Committee? Yes _____ No _____

Please list brief facts concerning applicant's parents and family

Signed by at least 3 members of Order of the Eastern Star

Date _____

Return by First Class Mail by April 15th to _____

ESTARL Scholarship Chairperson _____