

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Southern Jurisdiction, USA
Orient of Virginia, Valley of Alexandria



Undergraduate College and Technical Training Scholarship Program

The Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite Scholarship Program provides financial support in the form of a number of annual \$1,000 scholarships for deserving high school seniors or above who are U.S. citizens and pursuing:

- a. A four-year college degree program;
- b. A two-year junior college associate degree program, or
- c. A career-focused post-secondary school technical training program.

The number scholarships presented in any year will be determined based upon the availability of funds. Successful applicants will be recognized during an appropriate award ceremony, and the scholarship funds themselves will be paid directly to the Financial Office of the educational institution or trade school in the name of the student.

Additionally, eligible high school applicants must:

- a. Possess a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) at a as validated in the scholarship application package by the High School Guidance Counselor at the time of submission;
- b. Plan to pursue the trade school or college degree program as a full time student; and
- c. Submit a typed scholarship application with responses to all requested entries and any other desired documentation to the Alexandria Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee by first class mail to the following address.

Alexandria Scottish Rite
ATTN: Scholarship Committee Chairman
P.O. Box 175
Alexandria, VA 22313-0175

Completed applications must be mailed to the Alexandria Scottish Rite at the address shown above and be received no later than March 31. Applications received after March 31 of any year will not be considered.

Scholarships are open to high school seniors and first year college students who are related to a current or former member of the Alexandria Scottish Rite in good standing, or who are members of one of our Masonic Youth Groups: DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job's Daughters.

While not required, evidence of financial need and letters of character reference from high school counselors, coaches, part-time employers, volunteer work supervisors, clergy and family friends may also be submitted. All letters of reference should be mailed directly by the authors to the address above, and all optional documentation and correspondence received will be evaluated.

Candidates selected for the initial award of an Alexandria Scottish Rite Scholarship will be preferentially considered for subsequent scholarship awards referenced below subject to completion of the annual reapplication process:

- a. One additional \$1,000 Scholarship for a trade school program, (and the Committee will consider the possible award of a third trade school program Scholarship to accommodate course length and complexity based upon compelling substantiation from the applicant);
- b. One additional \$1,000 scholarship for a two-year college Associate Degree program, and
- c. Three additional \$1,000 scholarships for a four-year college program.

The reapplication process employs the same basic administrative procedures and time deadlines (e.g., minimum course load of 12 credit hours per term, timely submission of a typed application, etc.). Due to the level of difficulty of trade school and college course work, however, the reapplication process only requires a 2.5 GPA requirement. Note, however, that the 2.5 or better GPA must still be validated by the institution and included in the annual reapplication submission.