

EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARD FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP (ESTARL)  
Grand Chapter of New Mexico Order of the Eastern Star

**Policy No. 17 – Board of Grand Trustees Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL)**

The ESTARL program was established pursuant to our interest in encouraging youth to train in the areas of religious leadership. The program is designed to encourage students to deepen their interest in religion.

Students who participate in the program are chosen without regard to any restrictions based on race, color, creed or sex and solely on the basis of outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership and interest in religious leadership.

The students, by reason of their high caliber and the uniqueness of their interest and experience, form a pool of outstanding young persons of the type from which our future religious leaders must come.

The Order of the Eastern Star has concluded that it is in the best public interest to encourage these outstanding young persons to continue their development. To this end, the Board of Grand Trustees of the New Mexico Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will make available each year the total sum in the ESTARL Fund for scholarships.

**Requirements and Procedures**

ESTARL awards are given to college juniors, seniors or graduate students working toward a major or minor in subjects relative to entering the ministry of any denomination. To be eligible a student must carry a minimum of 12 hours in a college or university located in the United States or its possessions. It is required that a recipient be a graduate of a New Mexico high school, or that his or her parents be residents of the state of New Mexico. There is a five year maximum for awards to be granted one student.

Interested students may contact an Eastern Star member for assistance in obtaining the necessary forms for application.

The ESTARL Board will receive and review all applicants for awards.

Approved applications will be forwarded by the Chairman of the ESTARL Board through the Chairman of the Grand Trustees to the Grand Secretary for payment.

A letter will be sent by the Grand Treasurer to the applicant and subordinate chapter.

The Chairman of the ESTARL Board or his/her representative will report the actions of the ESTARL Board to the Board of Grand Trustees.

The rules and regulations of the ESTARL Program shall be construed, interpreted, and applied by the ESTARL Board of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star, whose action and determination shall be final and binding.

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To:

The ESTARL Board of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star has granted the Eastern Star Award for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) to \_\_\_\_\_, in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_). A check in this amount has been mailed to \_\_\_\_\_.

Each recipient must be or plan to be a full time junior, senior, or graduate student at an accredited college or university, enrolled in at least six (6) hours of religious education and working toward a major or minor in religious leadership.

The check shall be made payable jointly to the college or university of the student's choice and to the student. The check shall be mailed to the college or university. Such college or university will have custody of and will administer the expenditure of the grant in accordance with the rules of ESTARL and with such instructions as the ESTARL Board may issue from time to time.

Grant payments shall be made by the college or university for or on behalf of the student in maximum increments of one-half the award per semester.

The rules and regulations of the program relating to the scholarship awards shall be construed, interpreted and applied by the ESTARL Board of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star, whose action and determination shall be final and binding.

In the event the student changes his/her course of study or decides to leave the field of religious service, the full amount of the award must be repaid by the recipient to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star. The time and manner of repayment shall be agreed upon by the ESTARL Board of any change in his/her course of study,

Yours truly,

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Grand Treasurer

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Each religious leader who receives a grant for Continuing Education must enroll in a college, seminar, retreat, refresher course, workshop, or degree program within six months after receiving this letter.

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Sincerely yours,

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Grand Treasurer