

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

For those interested in applying, please contact the chapter in your region/area to express your interest. This is the form you will need to complete. There are also parts of the application process that require the chapter to complete.

POLICY

As revised by the Board of Grand Trustees of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star, September 2022.

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.

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 award program. Students who participate in the program are chosen solely on the basis of outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership in the area of religion, and the uniqueness of their interest and experience. We strive to form a pool of outstanding young persons from which our future religious leaders will 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. 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 education grants.

Any student desiring to enter a branch of religious work is eligible to apply for an ESTARL grant to attend a school of higher learning in preparation for his/her chosen field of religious service.

Requirements

Applicant must be sponsored by a legally constituted Chapter of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. The original request for the award must be initiated through the sponsoring subordinate Chapter.

Applicant must be a graduate of a New Mexico accredited High School, College, or University in New Mexico or his/her parents/guardian/grandparent must be a legal resident of New Mexico.

Applications must be made on regular forms approved by the ESTARL Board and may be secured from the Grand Chapter ESTARL Board. These forms must be returned to the state ESTARL chairman under the seal of the sponsoring subordinate Chapter before October 1 or April 1.

Applicant must satisfy the Chapter ESTARL Committee of his/her sincerity of purpose in entering the field of religious service.

Applicant must be enrolling in at least six (6) hours of religious education as a graduate student or full time junior or senior at an accredited college or university working toward a major or minor in religious leadership.

Applicant's academic standing must be acceptable to the Grand Chapter ESTARL Board.

Applicant must submit with the application and subsequent requests for renewal, the name and Registrar's address of the college or university he/she desires to attend. All checks will be mailed directly to the college, or university by the Grand Treasurer no later than January 1 or August 1. Award payment shall be made by the college/university for or on behalf of the student in maximum increments of one half the award per semester. Awards are for one (1) calendar year.

The maximum number of awards granted to any one student shall be five (5).

The rules and regulations of the ESTARL Continuing Education 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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Procedure

Each of the following forms shall be completed by the applicant:

FORM 1a – Initial Application

FORM 1b – Applicant’s Autobiography

FORM 3 – Personal Evaluation (Three (3) persons named by applicant on Form 1a)

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER ESTARL
BOARD

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FORM 1a

INITIAL APPLICATION

Applicant's Printed Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____

(City) (State) (Zip) (Phone)

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City) (State)

Are you : Single _____ or Married _____? If married, give name of spouse _____

How many are dependent on your support (not including yourself): _____

State that your parents live _____ State you graduated from High School _____

Are you or your parents members of the O.E.S. or Masonic orders? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, which one? _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Check the type of religious training you desire:

Minister of Religion _____	Director of Youth Leadership _____
Church Music _____	Directory of Religious Education _____
Missionary _____	Other _____

I plan to attend: _____ to begin _____
(School) (Date)

(Registrar's Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number of School's Business Office/Cashier: (_____) _____

Attach a current transcript of college credits, signed by the Registrar and containing the college seal

Give the name and address of three mature persons, as specified below, who know you intimately and can give information about you. Do not include relatives. Have Them fill out Form 3.

NAME	ADDRESS
Recent Instructor _____	_____
Religious Leader _____	_____
Neighbor/Business _____	_____

If you are selected for this award, when do you desire the money? _____

What will be the total cost for your program and its length? _____

Initials: _____
(Applicant)

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FORM 1b

APPLICANT'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

List in chronological order all schools attended. Begin with the ninth grade of High School and include professional schools, if any

SCHOOL	STATE	INCLUSIVE DATES	DEGREE/DIPLOMA*
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

*If pending, please indicate when it will be awarded.

If course was not completed, state reason _____

Other education advantages - travel, etc. _____

If you have been out of school, account fully for your time since you left high school. Include business and military experience.

<u>FIRM, SCHOOL, OR ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____

List activities in which you have taken part, such as representing your school in academic and athletic interscholastic contests, editorships, entertainment and holding responsible offices in student organizations and responsible positions in school functions. Comment on any special recognition received _____

List community or other organizations not connected with your school in which you have been active and underline those in which you have held responsible positions. _____

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FORM 1b (continued)

Discuss the development of your interest in religion leadership and the reason (s) you are applying for the ESTARL grant and what your religious goals are.

Initials: _____
(Applicant)

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FORM 1b (continued)

NOTE: "In the event the student changes his/her course of study or decides not to enter the field of religious service, the full amount of the award must be repaid by the recipient, at a time and manner of payment to be worked out by the ESTARL Board and recipient. Both school and student are requested to notify the ESTARL Board Chairman of any change in his/her course of study."

The information supplied by me on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Usual signature of applicant: Mr. Miss Mrs. Ms. _____
(circle one)

Date of Signature: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Parent's or guardian's signature (required of applicant if under eighteen (18) years of age.)

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

After completing the application form, please return to:

(Secretary) (Chapter Name and No.)

(Address)

_____, NM _____
(City) (Zip) (Telephone)

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FORM 3

PERSONAL EVALUATION

_____ is applying for an Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership. These awards are intended for young men and women who are preparing for a career in religious leadership. To assist us in evaluating the applicant, please check the applicable spaces below.

Evaluation Area	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improving	Not Observed
Character					
Appearance					
Emotional Balance					
Sense of Humor					
Poise					
Cooperation					
Sincerity					
Integrity					
Moral Courage					
Dependability					
Leadership					

On what do you base your estimate of the applicant? _____

Is the applicant the kind of person who should be encouraged to enter Religious service? State fully your reason in the space below and on the reverse side if more space is needed.

(Signature) _____
(Date)

(Position) _____
(Address)

(City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)

Please send this evaluation form to:

(Secretary) _____
(Chapter Name and No.)

(Address)

_____, NM _____
(City) (Zip) (Telephone)