



## **Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship Packet for Student**

Two different forms are included in this packet:

- (1) Section I--Form for first time applicants
- (2) Section II -Form for returning applicants

Please read details included. For a student, contact the local Order of the Eastern Star chapter to submit.

This information can be found on the "map" page of the [oesnm.org](http://oesnm.org) website.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- First Time Applicant and Renewal Applications due to the local chapter by February 1st
- ALL applications from chapter level to Education Board must be received by March 15<sup>th</sup> to Chairman of Education Board

# Section I

## **This section is for first time applicants.**

First time applicants will need to complete this section and then send to local chapter representative for consideration. If the chapter recommends the application, they will complete their additional paperwork and submit to the state level.

Students applying for the first time should contact their local chapter for details. (Check the OES map (under "Join") on the website for local contact information, if you don't have it.)

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW APPLICANTS (*Next  
section discusses returning applicants*)

The application must be turned into New Mexico Eastern Star through a New Mexico Chapter. If you do not know of a nearby Chapter, please contact the Education Board at [education@oesnm.org](mailto:education@oesnm.org) and a member of the committee will give you the information for contacting a local Chapter. You may also use the on-site map to find a Chapter near you.

Read the entire application thoroughly and carefully. Make sure you meet the requirements for the scholarship, which include New Mexico legal residency and the number of recommendations and documents needed. You will send, to a local Chapter, THREE copies of your application, but only one official transcript is required. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. You do not need any Masonic or Eastern Star relationship to be eligible for this scholarship.

College/university attendance is not limited to four-year institutions. Included in eligible schools are two-year, or junior colleges, and trade schools. All schools must be accredited by a major accrediting institution. The school does not have to be in New Mexico. A total of four awards may be given to any recipient, and this included both undergraduate and graduate education. It does not have to begin with the freshman year.

The local Chapter will help you with the application and the Chapter scholarship committee will review the application for completeness. The application must be submitted to the local Chapter by their due date, typically February 1<sup>st</sup>. It is your responsibility to contact the chapter to know of the exact date. The Chapter must review the application and send its recommendation to the State Committee by a set date. No late applications will be considered.

Some Chapters have a local scholarship, in addition to the one at the state level. Some Chapters use this application to determine awards of their scholarship, and others have their own application. When you are in contact with a local Chapter, ask if they have a local scholarship.

Eastern Star of New Mexico always looks forward to scholarship applications. The award is made on both academic and need qualifications, and the amount varies from year to year, depending on the amount of money in the scholarship account and the number of applications deemed worthy of award.

Eastern Star thanks you for your interest in this scholarship.

Sincerely,  
OES Education Board  
New Mexico Eastern Star

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION  
CHECK LIST REQUIREMENTS

1. To be received by the sponsoring Chapter by their deadline, usually end of February. It is your responsibility to contact the chapter to know their specific cut-off.
2. Computer generated official Transcript with School logo with information and cumulative totals.
3. An official print out showing enrollment with class names and credit hours scheduled.
4. Must have completed 12 credit hours with passing grades last or each semester, (9 credit hours for Graduate students).
5. Cumulative grade of 2.5 or above, (3.0 for Graduate students).
6. Short Essay on last year or semester and what you are expecting to accomplish in this next year. The essay needs to be typed in 12 point font or larger.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW MEXICO  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
EDUCATION BOARD  
NEW APPLICANT FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE EDUCATION BOARD OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW MEXICO, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Through the Education Board, I \_\_\_\_\_ (Print name of applicant)

Hereby make application for scholarship assistance to enable me to start/continue my studies in

\_\_\_\_\_ (Major or field of study) at \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of  
postsecondary institution).

Address of Financial Office \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL STATEMENT

(This statement is required as a frank and personal means of determining the circumstances of the applicant and will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.) If additional space is needed, attach an additional sheet of paper. Please TYPE.

1. Full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student number: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Required by Financial Office of receiving institution; will be used for no other purpose.)
2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_
3. My legal residence is in New Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
4. Have you been a full time student within the last five (5) years? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If "No", are there extenuating circumstances? (Please TYPE response on separate sheet.)  
**STOP!** If you answered NO to either question 3 or 4, you probably are not eligible for assistance. Check with the person from whom you received this application for clarification.
5. On a separate sheet of paper, please type a brief essay about yourself, e.g., the school you are attending or plan to attend, courses taken in preparation for your objectives, your major, when you expect to be graduating, your activities, work experience, community services, why you need assistance and your plans for the future.
6. Attach the most recent transcript of your academic work. This is very helpful to the Committee in evaluating your application. State your Grade Point Average (GPA) for the appropriate level:  
\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_ Post-secondary \_\_\_\_ Vo-Tec. Did you take and pass a GED? If so, give the name of the testing institution \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. Please provide three (3) letters of recommendation other than relatives, for example one (1) from a teacher, and the other two (2) could be from clergy, an employer, a work supervisor, an organization sponsor, etc.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW MEXICO  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT OF LEGAL RESIDENCE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the parent/guardian of  
Print full name

\_\_\_\_\_ Who is applying for an  
Print full name of applicant

Education Scholarship from the New Mexico Order of the Eastern Star.

My son/daughter resides with me at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature  
of parent/guardian

## **Section II**

### **This section is for returning recipients.**

#### **INFORMATION FOR CONTINUING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

If you have received a scholarship from the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star, in the past one to three years, you will use this form to apply for the scholarship to continue. A total of four awards can be given to any student, at the undergraduate or graduate level, at a trade school, a two-year college, or a four-year university.

You will send THREE copies of the application, and one official transcript, to the Chapter to which you have sent applications in the past. If you do not have contact information for that Chapter, please contact the Education Board at [education@oesnm.org](mailto:education@oesnm.org) , for information on the closest Chapter to you, or you may find Chapter information in the map section of this web site.

Applications must be received by the sponsoring chapter by February 1<sup>st</sup>. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted or considered.

Eastern Star looks forward to seeing your college progression and the local Chapter will help you if you need assistance in filling out the application.

OES Education Board  
New Mexico Eastern Star

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION  
CHECK LIST REQUIREMENTS

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3. An official print out showing enrollment with class names and credit hours scheduled.
4. Must have completed 12 credit hours with passing grades last or each semester, (9 credit hours for Graduate students).
5. Cumulative grade of 2.5 or above, (3.0 for Graduate students).
6. Short Essay on last year or semester and what you are expecting to accomplish in this next year. The essay needs to be typed in 12 point font or larger.



NEW MEXICO ORDER OF EASTERN STAR  
RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Financial Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Number of Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

College Standing: Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_

Advanced Degree \_\_\_ Vo-Tec \_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you Plan to change your course of study? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, what changes are you contemplating? \_\_\_\_\_

School you will be attending next semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours you will be taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes do you plan to continue working? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_