

Educational Assistance Application



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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, CLASS OF 2023

King Cyrus Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Mason, Jurisdiction of Virginia (PHA) is committed to helping young people succeed academically. This includes ensuring that students have access to the financial resources they need to obtain a college education.

Through the King Cyrus Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Mason Education Assistance Program, funds will be awarded to high school graduates. These funds are independent of any other assistance you may receive to attend college and will be paid directly to the student.

The Order of Consideration will be as follows: Royal Arch Masons (sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, stepsons, stepdaughters, nephews, and nieces); Heroines of Jericho (PHA); Prince Hall Masons; affiliated Prince Hall Masonic Bodies (Cyrenes, Knights Templar, Royal and Select, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection owing allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia); and to any student applying for educational assistance that does not have affiliation. For applicants that have the Masonic Bloodline, their connection must be current in their financial obligations at the time the application is submitted.

To be eligible to receive an award, students must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale) and have been accepted in a full-time program at an accredited college, university, or an institution of equivalent accreditation during the 2023-2024 academic years. Verification of acceptance must be provided.

Applications must include the following items:

- Completed application form
- High school transcript
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.) or American College Test (ACT) scores
- Three (3) signed letters of recommendation
- One (1) letter of acceptance to a college or university
- Completed essay question

The Educational Assistance application must be submitted to a Holy Royal Arch Chapter of King Cyrus Grand Chapter no later than May 31, 2023. Each Chapter must submit their applications to the Right Excellent Grand Secretary NLT June 30, 2023, With **ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES**.

SECTION C: SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School _____

Expected Graduation date _____ Grade Point Average _____

Community Service Hours Completed: _____

College/university/trade school attending _____

When do you plan to enroll? _____ Major/field of study _____

SECTION D: ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

List high school achievements, honors or awards (use this space and additional sheets if necessary). _____

List your extracurricular activities such as student government, athletics and clubs (use this space and additional sheets if necessary). _____

List your community/civic involvement such as church, scouts, employment or volunteer activities (use this space and additional sheets if necessary).

Describe one specific example of your leadership. _____

SECTION E: ESSAY QUESTION (Type on a separate sheet of paper; minimum 250 words and not to exceed 300 words)

Essay from one of the three topics listed below:

1. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.
2. What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why?
3. Choose a book or books that have affected you deeply and explain why.

SECTION F - SPONSOR OF APPLICANT

Please check the appropriate box for your sponsoring relative:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Royal Arch Masons | <input type="checkbox"/> Knights Templar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heroines of Jericho | <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Cyrene |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prince Hall Mason | <input type="checkbox"/> Consistory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Easter Star | <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Golden Circle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Royal and Select Mason | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies of the Circle of Perfection | <input type="checkbox"/> No Masonic Affiliation |

Sponsor's Organization Name and #: _____

Are you an active member in good standing in your Masonic organization? Yes No

Signature of Applicant's Sponsor (if living) _____

Print name of Applicant's Sponsor: _____

SECTION G: To be filled-in by the Holy Royal Arch Chapter submitting this application:

We hereby certify that, as far as we know, the information contained in this application is accurate and true. The following documents are submitted to the King Cyrus Educational Assistance Committee for consideration (check all that is included):

- Completed Educational Assistance Application (including typed essay response)
- High School Transcript
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.) or American College Test (ACT) scores
- 3 Letters of recommendation (2 of which from teachers or counselor)
- College Acceptance Letter

Date package submitted to Right Excellent Grand Secretary: _____

Chapter Name and #: _____

Signature of Excellent High Priest: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Chapter Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Signature of DDGHP: _____ Date: _____

SEAL OF THE CHAPTER