

Orrstown Lodge No. 262, of Free and Accepted Masons



2025 APPLICATION

for the

MARK L. MCCLEAF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Mark L. McCleaf Memorial Scholarship is focused on vocation aptitude and accomplishment.

The applicant must be a student recommended by a Mason in Good Standing and a Member of a Masonic Lodge in the 3rd Masonic District. Preference will be granted to children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren or step-great-grandchildren, of a Member in Good Standing of Orrstown Lodge No. 262. Applicant must be between 17 and 19 years of age, a high school senior, or currently enrolled in an accredited post-high school vocational institution that educates in the vocational skilled trades. To receive funds, applicant must show proof of enrollment in post-secondary vocational skilled trades education and training.

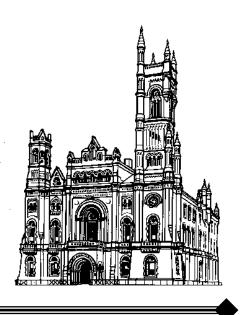
TYPED APPLICATIONS ARE PREFERRED

To learn more about Brother Mark L. McCleaf and download a copy of this application please visit http://orrstown262.org/Mark-L-McCleaf-Scholarship

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WHO ARE THE MASONS, AND WHY ARE

THEY INTERESTED IN MY EDUCATION?

Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest Fraternity. Its history and tradition date to antiquity. Its singular purpose is to make good men better. Its bonds of friendship, compassion, and brotherly love have survived even the most divisive political, military, and religious conflicts through the centuries. Freemasonry is neither a forum nor a place for worship. Instead, it is a friend of all religions that are based on the belief in one God.

Many of our nation's early patriots were Freemasons, as well as 13 signers of the Constitution and 14 Presidents of the United States, including George Washington.

Today, the more than three million Freemasons around the world come from virtually every occupation and profession. Within the Fraternity, however, they all meet as equals. They come from diverse political ideologies, but they meet as friends. They come from virtually every religious belief, but they all believe in one God.

One of the fascinating aspects of Freemasonry has always been how so many men from so many different walks of life can meet together in peace, never have any political or religious debates, always conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other "Brother!" Freemasons are respectable citizens who are taught to conform to the moral laws of society and to abide by the laws of the government under which they live. They are men of charity and good works. They remain unchallenged as "the world's greatest philanthropy!"

The Freemasons of America contribute more than two million dollars every day to charitable causes, which they alone have established. These services to mankind represent an unparalleled example of humanitarianism, commitment, and concern by this unique and honorable Fraternity. Your education is important to them, because Freemasons are builders of character, and individual talent, and all those traits of good citizenship that preserve a free society.



Brother Mark L. McCleaf Memorial Scholarship

ORRSTOWN LODGE NO. 262, F. & A.M. 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Applications may be typed or printed. Complete information is required. Repayment is not required if student satisfactorily finishes the academic year the scholarship is applied to; however, any voluntary repayment or gift will provide an opportunity for others to complete their education. Minimum \$500 each, max \$1000; up to 2 recipients per year based on available funding. Not to exceed 2 consecutive years per applicant. First time recipients given preference. All information in this application will be kept confidential. See scholarship guidelines and general instructions for complete details.

PERSONAL DATA

Name				
Address	City	County	State	_Zip
Home Phone		Cell Phone		
Birth date	Age	Male	Female	
Email Address				
	ELIGI	BILITY		
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C. Are you enrolled in a vo D. I am sponsored by the f				
	Sponsor			
Vocation in which you will be	enrolled:			
Major Course of Study				
Minor Course(s) of Study				

SCHOLASTIC ACCOMPLISHMENT

High School Attended

Address

Year Graduated or current grade _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: **Please note,** that while GPA is not a major deciding factor, it is important to understand your commitment to continued education. Please provide your cumulative grade point average from your High School Transcript.

G.P.A._____ on a scale of ______

Indicate scholastic awards, honors, and academic activities (including school clubs) here. If not a recent graduate, you may substitute life and work experiences which have had a major impact on your personal growth and development.

THIS SECTION OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE PRINTED LEGIBLY OR TYPED

The following four (4) questions are related. *Please read all questions before answering*. **PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO COMPLETE THE LIFETIME GOALS ESSAYS IF NEEDED. IF A SEPERATE SHEET IS USED, EACH QUESTION SHALL BE LEGIBLE OR TYPED ALONG WITH THE ANSWERS.**

I. List, and embellish upon, why you deem yourself worthy of receiving a scholarship.

II. What person(s) and event(s) had a significant influence upon helping to shape your life? Please share your reasons for your choices.

III. What are the personal values that have contributed to your success at this stage of your life?

IV. Upon completion of your technical education, how will you use your education to influence others and future events?

FINANCIAL NEED

(Do not leave any question blank. If financial informati	ion is not available, provide a reasonable estimate.)
Educational Expenses (per year)	
Tuition and Fees \$	Transportation \$
Room and Board \$	Books/Supplies \$
Other Expenses \$(Explai	n:)
	TOTAL EXPENSE \$
List financial aid (scholarships and grants; <i>not loans</i>) w academic term:	
How much will you contribute towards your expenses?	
From Investments \$	Savings \$
Working during summer \$	Working during school year \$
How much will your parents/legal guardian contribute?	° \$
How much from other sources, such as trusts, etc. \$	
List <i>expected</i> sources of grant assistance or loans for	the next term:
Please provide a copy of your most recently completed of your parent or guardian. Parent tax return MUST be (All financial information will be held confidential, for the L. McCleaf Scholarship Committee, and will not be sho committees. Attach a copy of pages 1 and 2 of you Father's Occupation	e included if you are claimed by them as a dependent. e exclusive use of Orrstown Lodge 262 Brother Mark ared with any member of Orrstown Lodge or its
Mother's Occupation	

List names of dependents in the family, their age, and current school enrollment, if applicable:

If there are any special financial circumstances that you feel the Orrstown Lodge Brother Mark L. McCleaf Scholarship Committee should take into consideration, please append a statement to the application.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List memberships in clubs, civic activities, and community, political, fraternal and religious organizations. (Do NOT include school clubs in this section.) Please include the length of time devoted to your choices. It would be helpful if you were to share what constitutes the reasoning behind the honor or award.



CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information contained herein, or attached, is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if I am elected to receive an award from the Lodge, I will provide my social security number to Orrstown Lodge to allow for proper reporting to the I.R.S., as a condition for releasing the awards. I understand that recipients of this award are expected to attend Orrstown Lodge's June meeting which is always scheduled for the second Thursday of the month, and if selected, I will be present.

Signature of applicant

Date____

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIAL

Applications WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED without each of these items.

- 1. Pages 3 through 7 of this application, with complete information. Be sure to sign and date the application on page 7.
- 2. <u>Official transcript</u> or certified school copy of your High School or Tech School transcript. Be sure to circle G.P.A. on the transcript.
- 3. Copy of pages 1 and 2 of specified I.R.S. Form 1040 Personal Income Tax Return.

Mail completed applications to:

ORRSTOWN LODGE #262 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE PO BOX 278 SHIPPENSBURG, PA 17257

Applications must be postmarked no later than APRIL 30, 2025