



## **MOLINO STAR ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Introduction**

The Molino Star Order of the Eastern Star "***Make a Difference***" Scholarship Program is designed to financially assist qualified applicants in obtaining degrees from accredited academic institutions of higher learning in any field. The program is open to any student preparing to enter their first year of higher education in a college or university, or a vocational/trade school program.

The scholarships are awarded based on merit as measured by academic performance, extracurricular activities, Masonic connections and financial need. The intent of the scholarship is to provide the student with the means and motivation to be a successful representative at an institution of higher learning (university, community college, or vocational school).

The scholarship is \$1000 per year. Annual renewability is at the discretion of Molino Star Chapter, subject to the vote of the membership. When available, annual renewal is dependent on successful progress and maintenance of a GPA of 2.5 or higher. When renewal is available and the student fails to make successful progress, a one-semester probation may be provided prior to scholarship suspension. Students seeking to renew a scholarship are responsible for submitting a re-application form for scholarship to the Molino Star Scholarship Manager as soon as possible.

The scholarship must be used for:

- Tuition and fees required to enroll at or attend an eligible educational institution, and
- Course-related expenses such as: fees, books, supplies, and equipment which are required for the courses at the eligible educational institution. These items must be required of all students in your course of instruction.

### **Instructions**

1. Scholarships are limited to use at an institution of higher learning.
2. Only one copy of the official transcript, resume, and recommendation letters need to be provided.
3. Scholarships are paid directly to the candidate based on written acknowledgement that the scholarship award will be used for the intended purpose.
4. Only full-time students are eligible for consideration.
5. ***Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> each year.***
6. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or physical handicap.

## **Application Process**

All application or re-application materials should be sent (*via mail or E-mail*) to:

**Cheryl Ragan**  
**Molino Star Scholarship Manager**  
**23035 Greene Street**  
**Red Bluff, CA 96080**

**E-mail: [MolinoStar\\_OES\\_Scholarship@outlook.com](mailto:MolinoStar_OES_Scholarship@outlook.com)**

*\*Must be received or postmarked by the deadline.*

## **Initial Application**

- A completed Application Form.
- A brief one-page essay about how you have demonstrated your commitment to furthering your education and why you are pursuing a particular field of interest. Only one page will be considered.
- The latest available school transcript.
- Copies of the most recent nationally recognized test scores, if available.
- A brief resume outlining educational background, work experience, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, including Masonic connections.
- Two letters of recommendation, who are not related to the candidate, addressing the suitability of the candidate for the award, nature of the relationship with the candidate, and length of time of the relationship. One recommendation must be from a HS educator.
- All materials submitted for consideration for a scholarship automatically become the physical property of Molino Star and will not be returned to the candidate. They will not be used for any purpose except to help determine who receives the scholarship awards for any given year.

## **Re-Application**

- Cover letter with brief educational success update.
- Completed re-application form.
- Copy of latest transcript.
- All materials submitted for consideration for a scholarship automatically become the physical property of Molino Star and will not be returned to the candidate. They will not be used for any purpose except to help determine who receives the scholarship awards for any given year.

## **Candidate Evaluation and Selection**

1. Molino Star will provide a Scholarship and Evaluation and Selection Committee, an impartial panel of no less than three appropriately qualified scholarship judges. All decisions of the Scholarship Evaluation and Selection Committee are final.
2. Preference will be given to candidates with the best combination of academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular performance, and potential for academic success, based on essay and references.
3. Additional preference will be given to candidates for financial need and verification of Masonic connection, or activities, or both.



# MOLINO STAR SCHOLARSHIP INITIAL APPLICATION

This form is to be completed in its entirety by the student. Please print legibly.

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

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State ZIP

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University program name/location: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Objective/Major (highest degree you plan to earn): \_\_\_\_\_

Career/Vocational Objective: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or anyone in your family a member/have been a member of the Masonic Family (e.g. Mason, Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, etc.)? If so, provide name and relationship.

Hobbies and Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Jobs you have held: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations you belong to: (school and community): \_\_\_\_\_

Athletics (sports and grade years participated): \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Activities (school and community) \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain how you expect to pay for college: \_\_\_\_\_

List all known forms of financial aid you will receive for college (loans, scholarships, grants, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any known hardships that may hinder college attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

How many siblings do you have? \_\_\_\_\_ What are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information:**

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Parent/Guardian signature and date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature authorizes release of academic transcript and the information on this form to scholarship committee.