



## II. Academic Record

List the schools you have attended (include dates):

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### Most recent academic record

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade point average

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade point scale

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rank in Class

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Students in Class

### Test Scores

\_\_\_\_\_  
ACT Score (if taken)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date ACT taken

\_\_\_\_\_  
SAT Score (if taken)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date SAT taken

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a current, certified transcript of your credits by April 8, 2020. If this information is not postmarked by this date, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. If your school does not provide certified transcripts (signed by school official or embossed with official seal), until after graduation, the transcript must be sent directly by the school with a letter stating the school policy.

## III. Personal History

Tell us about yourself, your home, family, interests, and your future educational or vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual. Do not include information requested in other sections of this application.

### Parents

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Job Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Job Title

### Household

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents in household

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brothers in household

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sisters in household

### Masonic Affiliations

If any of your family members are masons, please list below:

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**IV. Need for Financial Assistance:**

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. Relate any special circumstances that have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance. Please use an additional sheet of paper to describe if room is required.

**V. School Activities:**

List those school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the symbols 9, 10, 11, 12, etc. Then list any leadership positions you may have held in this activity and indicate the grade (9, 10, 11, 12, etc.) when the position was held. Describe any special circumstances that may have limited your participation in school activities. Please use an additional sheet of paper to describe if room is required.

**VI. Community Service:**

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community in particular. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. Indicate any leadership roles you may have had in this area. Describe any special circumstances that may have limited your participation in community service. Please use an additional sheet of paper to describe if room is required.

**VII. Texas Heritage**

Are you a Texan? What makes you one? Describe your Texas heritage and how it has shaped you as a person. Please use an additional sheet of paper to describe if room is required.

### **VIII. The Future**

How will you change the world? Describe how this scholarship will allow you to do something that will benefit others. Please use an additional sheet of paper to describe if room is required.

### **IX. Evaluation by School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher or**

**Counselor):** Provide the following information, if known, about the applicant on official school stationery and either attach the letter to the application or forward it to the Committee under separate cover postmarked by March 31, 2020. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed.

1. Personal attributes.
2. Abilities, talents, and interests.
3. Scholarship, study habits, and probable success in college or vocational school.
4. Home and family.
5. Need for financial assistance.
6. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) that should be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

**X. Application Essay**

In 500 to 2,000 words, please state why you feel you qualify for a scholarship. Please use the form below or attach your essay to this application.

**Signature**

I certify that all the information provided in this scholarship application is true and accurate.

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Signature

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Date

## About the Scholarship Process

Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., located at 207 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin TX will be awarding scholarships to worthy applicants from academic institutions who will be attending Texas institutions of higher education. The exact dollar amount of each scholarship will depend upon the size of investment income from the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The scholarships are designed to assist individuals pursuing a post-secondary education in any state at an accredited institution, which provides a two or four year college program. The scholarships may be used for any bona fide school related expense such as tuition, fees, and books.

Applicants need not have a Masonic connection, nor do race, creed, religion, color, sex, or national origin have any bearing in the selection process. Recipients are selected after completing a comprehensive written application.

A broad-based criteria is used in the selection process. The principal criterion is service to school and community with special emphasis upon leadership roles in these areas. Austin Lodge No. 12 is looking for those students who exhibit the greatest potential to be not only of service to their communities in the future but also leaders in these communities. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance are also carefully considered, as is an evaluation of the applicant by a school official. The organization, appearance, and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

Prospective applicants who feel they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection are invited to submit applications. These applications may be obtained through the guidance department of any public high school and must be **postmarked no later than March 31, 2020 for the application and all supporting materials** in order to be considered by the committee.

## About the Scholarship Program

The State of Texas, Education in Texas and the Texas Freemasons share a rich history. Early settlers of the wilderness that would become known as Texas included families whose members were committed to the principles of Freemasonry.

Freemasons played a key role in gaining independence from Mexico. General Sam Houston led the Texas army to victory at San Jacinto. As President of the fledgling Republic, he presided over the meeting in Houston when the Grand Lodge of Texas was formed. Anson Jones, the first Master of a Texas Lodge, was elected first Master of the new Masonic Grand Lodge, and would eventually serve as President of the Republic. The three Masonic Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge in 1837 have today grown to well over nine hundred lodges all across our vast state.

Freemasons played important roles in the creation of our Republic, which became the Great State of Texas as well as serving as civic leaders and citizens in the formation and growth of towns and cities all over the state of Texas.

Texas Freemasons even played an important role in the establishment of public education in Texas, which has benefitted generations of Texans. As individuals and as members of the fraternity, Masons were influential and instrumental in the establishment of a strong public education system. Mirabeau B. Lamar, a Freemason and the second President of the Republic of Texas, is remembered as the founder of the Texas Public Schools and the "Father of Education in

Texas.” Lamar’s views regarding education are clearly reflected in his statement, “The cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy.” This statement was adopted as the motto for The University of Texas.

In the early days of the Republic when a Masonic Lodge was built in a community, it was usually a two-story structure. The building was designed to provide a lodge meeting room upstairs and a schoolroom for the children of the community downstairs. Masons provided the physical space for the school and, in many instances, paid all or part of the teachers’ salaries.

In 1848, it was determined that ten percent of the revenue of Grand Lodge be appropriated to support public schools. Today, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas continues to support public schools through various scholarships and programs designed to cultivate the minds of future Texans.

Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., chartered on November 7, 1839 continues its support in this mission by offering scholarships to assist in the pursuit of learning through the establishment of a special endowment - the Ziller Fund.

Questions regarding applications and the scholarship program as well as completed applications should be directed to the:

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