

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ALABAMA
Scholarship Matching Fund Plan
2010 – 2011

The purpose for this part of the Charitable Outreach Program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to encourage them to award a scholarship to a deserving student in their community. Local Lodges can apply for up to \$500.00 in matching funds on a first-come first-funded basis. Lodges may apply for not more than two grants per year. Grants will not be approved to anyone receiving a COC Scholarship that year. Grants will be distributed equally among the five Masonic Groups in so far as possible. The COC's involvement will be limited to reviewing applications to ensure compliance with the established criteria.

The following shall apply to the administration of this plan:

All scholarship grants will be for \$1,000. The maximum amount of money paid out per application cannot exceed \$500 and is subject to the availability of funds. Requests for matching funds must be made on the applicable application form and submitted as instructed thereon. Application forms are available from Lodge Secretaries or can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge web site. (www.alafreemasonry.org)

Lodges receiving money from this Plan must ensure compliance with Edict 20.5. (No future act of assistance to be promised) Acceptance or rejection of each application will be determined by the Charitable Outreach Committee subject to the availability of funds. In all cases, matching funds are not assured. No assurance should be given by any Lodge that matching funds will be forthcoming from the Grand Lodge.

The applicant must be domiciled in the state of Alabama except for the purpose of attending school, provide proof of acceptance or attendance in an accredited post graduate or technical school and demonstrate an acceptable level of academic achievement. It is recommended that an application form similar to the one used for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Plan be used by lodges to evaluate applicants. To the extent possible, a representative of the Masonic fraternity should present scholarship awards to recipients in an appropriate ceremony at the recipient's school or local Masonic Lodge.

Lodge checks in the amount of \$500 must be made payable to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and must accompany the application. Applications must be mailed to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054. Grand Lodge checks will be payable to the Individual listed on the application or to the Lodge at their request. Lodge checks will be returned if the application is not approved.

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The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama Matching Scholarship Fund Program is for eligible students now attending or moving into post secondary education, technical or occupational training. The student applicant must attend an accredited institution and scholarship funds will be paid to the student. All Matching Fund Scholarship awards are for \$1,000, and are at the sole discretion of the Charitable Outreach Committee and are considered final. All information will remain confidential. The Lodge is responsible to ensure that all requirements are met. Incomplete applications will not be considered. It is imperative that you review the program guidelines prior to completing this application. This application and Lodge check for \$500 must be mailed to: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054 Applications will be awarded on a first received-first awarded basis. The COC's involvement will be limited to reviewing applications to ensure compliance with the established criteria. Grand Lodge checks will be payable to the Individual listed on the application or the Lodge at their request. Lodge checks will be returned if the application is not approved

<u>Lodge Information</u>		Date _____
Lodge name _____	No. _____	Masonic Group _____
Address _____	City _____	Zip _____
Point of Contact _____	Phone No. _____	
<u>Applicant's Personal Information</u>		
First Name _____	Middle Name _____	Last Name _____
Home Address _____	City _____	
County _____	State _____	Zip _____ Phone No. _____
School or College applicant attends or will attend _____		
Signature of Candidate _____		Date _____
Signature of Parent _____		Date _____
(If applicant is under 18 years of age)		
<u>Lodge Check List</u>		
_____ Resident of the State of Alabama	_____ Official high school or college transcript sighted	
_____ Lodge Check for \$500 enclosed	_____ Edict 20.5 explained to nominee	
Lodge Master's Signature _____	Lodge Seal	
Lodge Secretary's Signature _____		

Grand Lodge rules require the following information be stated: "20.5 NO FUTURE ACT OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROMISED" The granting of financial assistance to any person(s) under any provision of the Masonic Outreach Program is not to be relied upon as an indication that any future act of aid or assistance will be provided to or for the benefit of said person(s). Neither estoppels nor any obligation to provide further assistance shall arise. The Grand Lodge specifically prohibits any person from making assurances of future aid or assistance to any person(s) from the Masonic Outreach Program and any such representation shall be deemed beyond the scope of the authority of all persons representing the Grand Lodge. The content of this edict shall be made known to each recipient of funds from the Charitable Outreach Program."