



Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.
Masons Helping People

P. O. Box 1320
Fort Worth, Texas 76101
817-335-6004

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Re: Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

Dear Brother,

Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. annually awards scholarships to graduating seniors in the thirty-five county area west, north, and south of Fort Worth, Texas. This program has been in existence for over forty years and has cumulatively awarded over 1.3 million dollars to deserving high school seniors. This year there are two changes in our scholarship program. First, the scholarship amount has increased to \$1,500. Second, there are five preferential scholarships intended for community college students.

Enclosed is a 2015 Scholarship Application that was sent to the schools in your area. We have sent the following information to all high schools in our Valley. Please ensure that your schools received their package, and are taking action on it.

Only one scholarship may be awarded per year to a high school. Only the attached 2016 Scholarship Application will be considered. Any submission using a prior year application will not be considered. Scholarship packages must be prepared strictly in accordance with the 2016 instructions and must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Fort Worth Scottish Rite office on or before March 1, 2016. Upon receipt the applications are reviewed and scored by our Scholarship Committee. After review, the applications will be ranked by score and, scholarships will be awarded to the highest scorers subject to the one scholarship per high school restriction.

All applicants will be notified by mail whether or not they qualify for a scholarship. The scholarships will be presented at our Grand Annual Banquet, June 4, 2016.

Thanks for helping us with this.

If you have any questions, please call 817-335-6004.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Curry, 33°
President

H. F. (Sonny) Tull, 33°
Secretary

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Enclosure

**FORT WORTH SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION, INC.
2016 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

INTRODUCTION

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") is pleased to announce its 2016 Scholarship Program. Fifty (50) scholarships are offered. Each scholarship is One Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) and will be awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein and the attached sample letter to be sent to the institution chosen. The scholarships honor graduating seniors for scholastic, extracurricular and community efforts and dedication.

Five of the scholarships are given a preference for students who will be enrolling at a community college for the 2016-17 scholastic year. A community college is a public institution which awards Associate Degrees. An example of such a community college is Tarrant County College. If there are fewer than five acceptable community college applicants, than the remaining preferential scholarships will be distributed to non-community college students. If there are more than five successful community college applicants, than those community college applicants not in the top five will be graded with all other scholarship applicants. A successful applicant may use their scholarship proceeds to pursue at a community college a Certificate of Completion for specialized training.

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation is a Masonic body. **The Mission of Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: Applicants must comply with these instructions. Applications that do not follow these instructions may not be considered.

1. Answer all questions on **pages 3 through 5** of this application.
2. Assemble an **Application Package** in the following order. (No photos)
 - a. Your completed pages 3 through 5.
 - b. Your high school transcript.
 - c. A copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores results.
 - d. Two personal reference letters for you. (Must be from non-family members)
 - e. Two academic reference letters for you. (Must be from your high school faculty)
3. **Mark out all Social Security Numbers on all documents in your Application Package.**
4. Remove all application materials from envelopes and folders.
5. Submit the original and three copies of your assembled Application Package.
6. Do not submit application material separately. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
7. Send the Application Package to Fort Worth Scottish Rite Office, P.O. Box 1320 - Fort Worth, TX 76101-1320.
8. Application Packages must be received in the Scottish Rite office or be post marked on or before March 1, 2016.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

1. Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors graduating in the spring and summer of 2016.

2. Only high school seniors who reside in or graduate from a high school in the following counties will be considered:

ARCHER	BAYLOR	BOSQUE	BROWN
CALLHAN	CLAY	COLEMAN	COMANCHE
COOKE	DENTON	EASTLAND	ERATH
FOARD	HAMILTON	HARDEMAN	HASKELL
HOOD	JACK	JOHNSON	JONES
KNOX	MONTAGUE	PALO PINTO	PARKER
SHACKELFORD	SOMERVELL	STEPHENS	STONEWALL
TARRANT	TAYLOR	THROCKMORTON	WICHITA
WILBARGER	WISE	YOUNG	

3. Only one scholarship will be awarded per high school.

4. Each scholarship will be for the sum of \$1500.00 payable at the beginning of the 2016-17 scholastic year to the Financial Affairs office of the institution designated by the scholarship recipient. The transmittal letter to the academic institution will be in the form attached to this package. The sample transmittal letter contains additional conditions pertaining to these scholarships.

5. Properly completed Application Packages will be reviewed and graded by the Scholarship Committee of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.

6. Application Packages are reviewed and graded based upon the scholastic, extracurricular and civic efforts and dedication of the applicant.

7. Among factors considered as scholastic efforts and dedication will be SAT and ACT scores, high school transcripts and listing of honors, advanced placement and dual credit courses.

8. The two academic reference letters shall be from the faculty of the high school attended by the student. The letters should address the academic merit of the applicant.

9. The two personal reference letters shall not be from faculty members at the applicant's high school or from members of the applicant's immediate family.

10. Personal and academic reference letters should cite specific achievements and activities.

11. Grading and scoring of completed application packages and the award of scholarships is in the sole discretion of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Application Application Deadline: March 1, 2016

Return application and all required material to Fort Worth Scottish Rite, P.O. Box 1320 - Fort Worth, TX 76101-1320. Applications must be received in the office or be post marked on or before March 1, 2016.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Name: _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___

Email address _____ Phone number _____

ACT score _____ SAT score _____

What will be your field of study or college major? _____

What college do you intend to attend? _____

What is the name of the high school you attend and the city it is located? _____

When do you anticipate graduating from high school? _____

Your Father's Name: _____ Your Mother's Name: _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony? _____

How did you learn about the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. Scholarship program? _____

Please write a personal statement of lifetime goals and discuss how you will incorporate your future education into those goals. (Add additional sheets if needed)

Describe your employment history, if any:

Describe your extracurricular activities, if any:

Describe your civic and religious activities, if any:

Comment on the Mission of Scottish Rite Masonry which appears on page one of this application package.

List the honors, advance placement, and dual credit courses for which you have received credit, if any:

Do you believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to the principles of civil liberty exemplified by the Constitution of the United States of America? Yes ___ No ___

I certify that the information that I have given on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge on the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Signature of Applicant.

Sample Letter to Institution

Re: Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Grant for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

Dear Financial Aid Administrator:

The enclosed award check represents a scholarship awarded by the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. ("the Foundation") to a student who has notified our office that they are registered at your institution for the 2016-2017 academic year. These funds are to be deposited in the account of the recipient indicated by the student name and social security number on the enclosed check stub.

Funds should be applied evenly between first and second semesters/quarters unless the student notifies you requesting an alternative application of funds.

If the student does not need the funds for the fall semester, please hold the fund in their student account for their spring semester/quarter. If the student does not need the funds for the spring semester, please hold the funds in their student account for subsequent academic years. Please immediately return these funds if the student fails to enroll in your institution for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The Foundation's scholarship funds are not to be used to displace any of the following aides:

- Federal grants and scholarships
- State Sponsored grants and scholarships.
- Your school's need-based or merit-based grants/scholarships
- Other private grants and scholarships
- Work-study

The Foundation's scholarship is to be used only for:

- Tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Room and board (university owned housing only)

If these funds cause a student to be over awarded through grants and other scholarships, please return the funds to the Foundation. Should the student withdraw with funds from this scholarship remaining in his/her account, any remaining funds must be returned to the Foundation. Scholarship funds should NOT be paid out to the student unless the funds reimburse the student for books bought for current classes.

If these terms and conditions are not acceptable to your institution, the enclosed funds are to be returned immediately to the Foundation.

Please direct all correspondence to:

Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc
PO Box 1320
Fort Worth, Texas 76101-1320

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sonny Tull in our office at (817) 335-6004 or by email at fwsroffice@sbcglobal.net