



Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M.
Masonic Charitable Education Corporation Scholarship Selection Committee
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Dear Guidance Counselors:

The Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. and its Masonic Charitable Educational Corporation are pleased to offer the "Mark Earl & Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship" to graduates of Iowa public high schools who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College in 2022.

The scholarship may be used for any bona fide school related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and tools. The number of scholarships and the dollar amount is dependent on the investment income. In 2021 for instance, ten scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$2500 each.

High school seniors who feel they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection are invited to apply for these scholarships. The Selection Committee will review all applications which are completed, signed, and postmarked **no later than March 01, 2022**. Applicant interviews will not be conducted.

Questions or comments should be directed to the Grand Lodge of Iowa at (319) 365-1438.

The attached scholarship application may be freely copied, or printed from this web link:
https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/MCEC_ScholarshipApplication_2022.pdf

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Soebbing

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Chairman of Selection Committee

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GRAND LODGE OF IOWA **MCEC TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., located at 813 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, is pleased to offer the “**Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship**”. Scholarships will be awarded to a number of graduating Iowa high school seniors who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College. The scholarship may be used for any bona fide school related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and tools.

Race, creed, religion, color, gender, or national origin have no bearing in the selection process. A Masonic connection is preferred, but not required. Recipients are selected after completing this written application. Applicants will not be interviewed.

A broad-based criterion is used in the selection process. An applicant’s academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance are carefully considered along with 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.

Public high school seniors, who feel that 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 or from the Grand Lodge of Iowa’s website at www.grandlodgeofiowa.com, and all material must be **postmarked no later than March 1, 2022 for the application to be considered** by the committee.

Completed applications, as well as questions or comments, should be directed to:

MCEC Scholarship Selection Committee
Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. and A.M.
P.O. Box 279
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-0279
Phone: 319-365-1438
e-mail: scholarships@gl-owa.org
www.grandlodgeofiowa.com

Applicant's Name _____

For Office Use Only:	
Number:	_____
Reviewer:	_____

MCEC TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A.F. & A.M.
This application must be postmarked no later than
March 1, 2022

Before completing this application, please read the informational page which specifies the criteria for both eligibility and selection. Since the members of the Masonic Charitable Educational Corporation (MCEC) Scholarship Selection Committee have only this application by which to evaluate you, please carefully consider the content and completeness of your responses. Additional pages of narrative or supporting documentation may be added to any section. This can include newspaper clippings, photos, letters of recommendation from people within your school and/or community, and other materials which will give the Committee a better insight about you and your activities within your school and community. You are encouraged to submit materials that you do not expect to be returned. Any materials you would like returned must be identified and you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

A pen, typewriter, or computer must be used to complete this application. **Section III, however, must be in your own handwriting.** Be certain that your handwriting is legible.

All applications and correspondence should be sent to the:
MCEC Scholarship Selection Committee
Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.
P.O. Box 279
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-0279

1. Identification Data (Print or type)

Applicant's Name _____
First Middle Last

Applicant's email address _____

Applicant's Address _____
Street or PO Box

City Nine-digit zip Telephone with area code

Applicant's High School _____

School Address _____
Street or PO Box

City Nine-digit zip Telephone with area code

Graduation Date _____
Month Year

2. Academic Record:

Grade Point Average _____ Date when above information was compiled _____

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a current, certified transcript of your credits by **March 1, 2022**. **If the application is not signed**, or if the application and supporting materials are **not postmarked** by this date, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

3. Personal Resumé:

You must complete this section in **your own handwriting**. Write about yourself, your home, your family, your interests, and your future educational and vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual (Additional pages may be added). **NOTE: Signature Required!**

Date

Signature of Applicant

Please attach as many pages as needed to complete the following:

4. Educational Plans:

Which Iowa Community College are you planning to attend? _____

What mechanical or trade course of study are you planning to take? _____

5. Need for Financial Assistance:

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. If you desire, relate any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

6. School Activities:

List those high 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. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities.

7. 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. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

8. Include Evaluation by a School Official:

Please have a School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, or Counselor) provide the following information about you on official school stationery. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed.

- A. Personal attributes.
- B. Abilities, talents, and interests.
- C. Scholarship, study habits, and probable success in a vocational school.
- D. Home and family.
- E. Need for financial assistance.
- F. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) which should be considered by the MCEC Scholarship Selection Committee.

The letter may be attached to this application or forwarded to the Committee under separate cover postmarked no later than **March 1, 2022**.

9. Masonic Connection:

Are you or one of your parents a member of a Masonic organization? _____
If so, please provide membership information.