



POCONO LODGE NO. 780
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA
282 ROUTE 390, CRESCO, PA 18326

WHO ARE THE MASONS, AND WHY ARE THEY INTERESTED IN MY EDUCATION?

Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest Fraternity. Its history and tradition date to antiquity. Its singular purpose is to make good men better. Its bonds of friendship, compassion, and brotherly love have survived even the most divisive political, military, and religious conflicts through the centuries. Freemasonry is neither a forum nor a place for worship. Instead, it is a friend of all religions that are based on the belief in one God.

Many of our nation's early patriots were Freemasons, as well as 13 signers of the Constitution and 14 Presidents of the United States, including George Washington.

Today, the more than three million Freemasons around the world come from virtually every occupation and profession. Within the Fraternity, however, they all meet as equals. They come from diverse political ideologies, but they meet as friends. They come from virtually every religious belief, but they all believe in one God.

One of the fascinating aspects of Freemasonry has always been how so many men from so many different walks of life can meet together in peace, never have any political or religious debates, always conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other "Brother!"

Freemasons are respectable citizens who are taught to conform to the moral laws of society and to abide by the laws of the government under which they live. They are men of charity and good works. They remain unchallenged as "the world's greatest philanthropy!"

The Freemasons of America contribute more than two million dollars every day to charitable causes, which they alone have established. These services to mankind represent an unparalleled example of humanitarianism, commitment, and concern by this unique and honorable Fraternity. Your education is important to them, because Freemasons are builders of character, and individual talent, and all those traits of good citizenship that preserve a free society.

Pennsylvania Masonic Scholarship
POCONO LODGE NO. 780, F. & A.M.
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Applications must be typed or printed. Complete information is required. The amount and number of scholarships awarded may vary according to funds available. Grants are paid directly to the school. All information in this application will be kept confidential.

PERSONAL DATA

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Email Address _____

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive this scholarship, the applicant must be related to a member of Pocono Lodge 780. To validate eligibility, complete the information below.

A. I am related to Pocono Lodge 780 F. & A.M. member in good standing

Print name of Masonic Sponsor _____

Signature of Sponsor _____

Relationship to Masonic Sponsor _____

Name of college/university/business or trade school I will be enrolled at this coming academic year is:

Student Status: (check one) _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time

Class in which you will be enrolled: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

Major Course of Study _____

Minor Course(s) of Study _____

SCHOLASTIC ACCOMPLISHMENT

High School Attended _____

Address _____

Year Graduated _____ Class Rank _____ of _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: Please provide your cumulative grade point average from your final High School Transcript. *Attach a copy of the transcript, and circle the G.P.A. on that document.*

G.P.A. _____ on a scale of _____

Indicate scholastic awards, honors, and academic activities (including school clubs) here.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE

Please provide your Scholastic Aptitude Test scores (SAT) here, and *attach a copy of your score record*. If S.A.T. Scores are not available, please attach an explanation. If you did not take the S.A.T., please include Achievement Test or equivalent scores, **or** a letter of recommendation from a teacher or an employer indicating your aptitude and probability of success.

S.A.T. SCORES: CRITICAL READING _____ WRITING _____ MATH _____

Achievement Test Scores: _____

LIFETIME GOALS ESSAYS

THIS SECTION OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED

The following four (4) questions are related. *Please read all questions before answering.* **PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO COMPLETE THE LIFETIME GOALS ESSAYS. EACH QUESTION SHOULD BE TYPED ALONG WITH THE ANSWERS.**

- I. List, and embellish upon, why you deem yourself worthy of receiving a scholarship.
- II. What person(s) and event(s) had a significant influence upon helping to shape your life? Please share your reasons for your choices.
- III. What are the personal values that have contributed to your success at this stage of your life?
- IV. Upon completion of your college/technical education, how will you use your education to influence others and future events?

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List memberships in clubs, civic activities, and community organizations. (Do NOT include school clubs in this section.) Please include the length of time devoted to your choices.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information contained herein, or attached, is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if I am elected to receive an award from the Lodge, I will provide my social security number to Pocono Lodge No. 780 to allow for proper reporting to the I.R.S., as a condition for releasing the awards.

I also understand that recipients of this award are expected to attend the Lodge's June meeting which is always scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, and if selected, I will be present.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Submit completed application to: SECY0780@pagrandlodge.org

OR

Mail completed applications to:
Pocono Lodge 780 F. & A.M. Attn: Secretary
282 Route 390
Cresco, PA 18326

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 25th of the Year for Scholarship.