

Why We Have ESTARL

The General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star adopted and continues to support ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) as one of its premier charities.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio has participated since 1955 in giving ESTARL awards to individuals dedicating their lives to religious service. This has been made possible through the monetary donations of its Chapters and members.

It is IMPERATIVE to recruit those who seek careers in spiritual leadership. OES CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS CAN BE OF HELP!

Awards

Awards are given:

- To those aspiring to become spiritual leaders: Ministers, Missionaries, Directors of Religious Education, Directors of Church Music and Directors of Youth Leadership.
- Annually in amounts determined by the ESTARL Committee based on funds available, number of applicants and need.
- For one academic year and recipients who remain in the program are eligible to reapply.

After the ESTARL Committee determines the amount of each award, a certificate is sent to the student who is responsible to forward it to the School's Registrar. The School then submits it to the Grand Chapter of Ohio, Order of Eastern Star for payment. The money is issued primarily for tuition but may be used for books, room, board, or medical aid.

Requirements for Applicants

1. Must be a resident of Ohio; be a graduate of a high school in Ohio; must have completed 2 years in an accredited college or university.
2. Doctoral candidates are not eligible for ESTARL Awards.
3. Applicants must be working toward a career in religious service.
4. Academic standing, leadership qualities, and need are assessed by the ESTARL Committee when considering the awards.
5. Preference is given to those already pursuing training in religious education.
6. No affiliation with Eastern Star or the Masonic Fraternity is needed to apply.

Applications are available at www.ohiooes.org

Procedures for Interested Chapters

1. Subordinate Chapters are encouraged to sponsor applicants.
2. A letter of sponsorship intent is sent by the Chapter to the Chairperson of the ESTARL Committee requesting an application.
3. Students must be sponsored by the vote of the Chapter.
4. The sponsoring Chapter assumes no financial responsibilities but should have information on financial need of the applicant.
5. The application is submitted by the student to the Chapter Secretary and must include:
 - Essay "Why I wish to have an ESTARL Award" (500 words)
 - A recent picture
 - Brochure of College, University, Bible School or Seminary where student is or will be attending

6. The ESTARL Committee handles all remaining communications and whatever is necessary to complete the award process with the applicant and the educational institution.



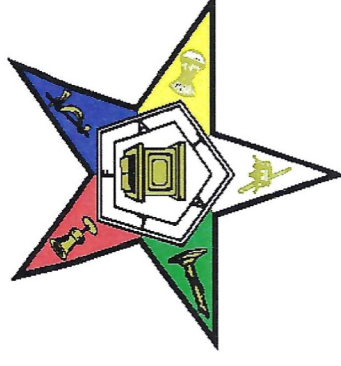
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The chairman of the ESTARL Committee may be found at www.ohiooes.org

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He made the stars, also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth.

GENESIS 1:16-17