



**COLORADO MASONS'
BENEVOLENT FUND SCHOLARSHIPS**



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TO ALL MASONIC VOCATIONAL GRANT APPLICANTS:

Dear Student:

The attached Vocational Grant Application Form and Fact Sheet are for your personal use in applying for our Vocational Grant. It is your responsibility to see that all instructions are carefully followed.

You will need to contact a representative from your assigned Masonic Lodge for a personal interview. You should do this prior to February 1st in order to avoid being part of the last minute rush. The representatives contact information will be released on our website at www.cmbfa.org on or before December 1, 2011.

You should have all the required application material available for the Lodge representative to review at the time of interview. Please see the check list items 1 thru 6 on the FACT SHEET for a list of all the required materials. If you did not apply for FAFSA, make sure to indicate such on Pg. 3 of your application and disregard item 5 of the Check List.

Following the interview, you may submit your application and materials online by visiting our website at www.cmbfa.org. You will need to follow all of the website prompts to gain access to our online submission process. If you do not have a complete application you WILL NOT be able to submit your application electronically.

**** Scanned application signatures are acceptable for electronic submissions.**

If you are mailing your application all materials MUST BE addressed as follows:

Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association
Scholarship Administrator
Attn: Scholarships 2011/2012
2445 South Quebec Street, Unit C,
Denver, Colorado 80231.

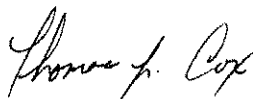
Be sure to use the proper postage. I cannot accept any postage-due mailings.

MATERIAL MUST BE SUBMITTED AND/OR RECEIVED NO LATER THEN MARCH 15, 2012.

Remember, this is your application and therefore your responsibility to submit it on time. Others may offer to do it for you but they cannot have the same level of interest that you have. Your application packet will not be returned to you; in the event that you are not a selected recipient all documents are destroyed at the conclusion of our committee's selection process.

Please address any questions regarding the preparation of the application material to your school counselor, or feel free to contact either myself or my assistant, Kathleen D. Keller at 303-290-8544 or via email at tomcox@cmbfa.org and/or kathleenkeller@cmbfa.org.

Wishing you success,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Cox".

Thomas J. Cox, P.G.M.
Scholarship Administrator

FACT SHEET FOR APPLICANTS OF
COLORADO MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND **VOCATIONAL GRANTS**

PURPOSE: These grants are intended to provide financial assistance to deserving students. In your planning you should not assume that a grant has been awarded until you are officially notified by the grant committee.

AWARD: We award one-time grants of up to \$ 3,000.00. These grants are intended to assist in obtaining a vocational skill from a vocational training program within the state of Colorado. The program must be approved by a recognized accreditation committee. Grants are awarded without reference to race, religion, sex, national origin, or Masonic relationship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

1. You must be a graduating Colorado Public High School Senior.
2. You must attend an approved vocational training program within the State of Colorado.

CHECKLIST: (Please arrange your packet in this order)

1. Complete all **three pages** of the application form.
2. Write a personal letter including the following:
 - a. Your goals and objectives for the future;
 - b. Why you require financial assistance; and,
 - c. Why you feel you should be selected.
3. A grade transcript covering your entire high school career.
4. A letter of acceptance from the approved vocational training program listed on the application.
5. A copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR).

Please include either the complete SAR report if you have received it or the latest complete FAFSA application (All pages).

6. Four (4) Letters of Recommendation should accompany the application. Letters should be from personal acquaintances, employers, clergy or teachers. It is best not to have all the letters from teachers. They should be from people who have known your family over a period of time. Letters need not be in separate envelopes.

FACT SHEET FOR APPLICANTS (cont.)
VOCATIONAL GRANT

7. You must arrange for a personal interview with one of the members of the Masonic Lodge that sponsor's your attending high school.

Lodge Contact Information will be available on our website on or before December 1, 2011.

Once your contact information has been released, please make immediate contact with your assigned Lodge for your interview! Interview dates may be preselected by your Lodge and your advanced knowledge of these dates are extremely important!

You should complete checklist items 1 thru 6 prior to the interview and have them available at the interview.

8. Following your interview, you may submit your application via electronic submission or, if necessary, via United States Mail.

9. You may submit your application and materials online by visiting our website at www.cmbfa.org. You will need to follow all of the website prompts to gain access to our online submission process. If you do not have a complete application you WILL NOT be able to submit your application electronically.

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10. If you are mailing your application all materials MUST BE addressed as follows:

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11. Please do not send photos. Any photos we receive will be destroyed. THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM WITH ALL ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL MUST BE POST MARKED NO LATER THAN **MARCH 15** TO BE CONSIDERED!

FACT SHEET FOR APPLICANTS (cont.)
VOCATIONAL GRANT

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. Scholarship selections will be formally announced on our website no later than May 15th.
YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE PERSONAL NOTIFICATION OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP SELECTIONS.

2. Grant money will be paid through and managed by the university, college, or other school of higher education Student Financial Aid Office.

Please refer any questions regarding the preparation of the application material to your high school counselor or feel free to contact either myself or my assistant, Kathleen D. Keller at 303-290-8544 or via email at tomcox@cmbfa.org and/or kathleenkeller@cmbfa.org.

APPLICATION FOR A COLORADO MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND
VOCATIONAL GRANT

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip

() _____ () _____
Telephone No. Cell Phone No. E-Mail Address

Name of Vocational Training Institution you will attend:

Approved by _____ recognized accreditation committee

Date of Birth _____ Cumulative GPA _____ ACT/SAT _____

<u>Current High School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Years</u>
_____	_____	_____

Father's Name _____ Mother's name _____

Occupation _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____ Employer _____

Have you earned anything by your own efforts in the past two years?

_____ yes _____ no

State ways of earning and how much:

_____ X _____

Name and No. of Local Masonic Lodge Contacted	Date of Interview	Signature of Interviewer
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Other Scholarships/Grants/Financial Aid you have received. (what, where and amount received)
Show the total funding amount in the appropriate space below.

Did you submit a FAFSA application? Yes_____ No_____

Total anticipated resources for your vocational training:

From your family \$ _____

From your personal savings \$ _____

From loans \$ _____

From Work Study Programs \$ _____

From all other scholarships \$ _____

From grants listed above \$ _____

TOTAL RESOURCES \$ _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I hereby certify that, if I am awarded a grant:

1. I need this grant money to continue my training.
2. I will use the grant money only for the payment of legitimate training expenses at the school in which I am enrolled.
3. I agree to keep the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Scholarship Administrator advised of the current address and phone number of my residence during the school year and a permanent address and phone number.
4. I agree to inform the Scholarship Administrator of any financial assistance I may receive which is not listed on this application.

I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted is true and correct, and I fully understand my obligations as stated herein.

Date Signature

STATEMENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I, _____, have read the foregoing application and hereby state that with my knowledge _____ is applying for a Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Grant in the amount of \$ 3,000.00 to further his/her training for the 20____ school year at _____.
Name of Institution

Date Signature of Parent or Guardian