



**Eastern Star Award for Religious Leadership (ESTARL)
Scholarship Application 2026-27**

**The Grand Chapter of Connecticut
Order of the Eastern Star, Inc.**

Check Appropriate Box: ☐ First-Year Student ☐ Continuing Student

School Year for Which You are Applying _____

For Committee Use Only	
Award Amount	\$

Eligibility Requirements
• Enrolled in an accredited college or university • Enrolled in a program of training for religious leadership or religious music • Return application and all requested information postmarked no later than March 15, 2026

Name _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Home Address _____

Street / Route / Box # _____

City State Zip

e-mail: _____

Home phone number: _____

Birth date: _____

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Head of Household

All Applicants are to Complete this Section

1. How did you learn about the ESTARL Scholarship program? _____

Are you, or any member of your family a member of the Order of the Eastern Star or the Masonic Fraternity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, please give their name(s), and the chapter or lodge name(s) & number(s). _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY (All Applicants are to Complete this Section)

Highest Level of Education Attained

☐ GED ☐ HS Diploma ☐ Associate's Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree ☐ Master's Degree ☐ Doctorate

Colleges / Universities Attended

Institution	Location	Dates Attended	Degree's Attained

5. Are you now Engaged in Religious Education Studies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. When Will You Complete Your Present or Proposed Course of Study? _____
Degree to be Obtained: _____

7. Do you Anticipate Further Study When You Complete Your Present Course Work? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, For What Degree? _____

8. Check All Types of Religious Leadership for Which You are Preparing

Minister	_____	Missionary	_____
Director of Religious Education	_____	Director of Youth Leadership	_____
Church Music: Organist	_____	Director:	_____
Any other Activity in the Field of Religious Service (Please specify): _____			



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If there is any additional information that you feel would assist the committee in making their decision or any unusual family or personal circumstances that should be considered when evaluating this application, please describe these. You may continue your description on an additional page.

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Write a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and religious leadership career objectives and long term goals. You may attach a typed statement to this application.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the past 5 years. Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Activity / Organization	What Did you Do / Special Awards / Honors / Offices Held	No. of Year(s) Participated



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS (continued)

Please State any Extra Activities in Which You are or Have Been Engaged and any Experience You Have Had in Practical Field Work or Training:

REFERENCES

Personal References

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship

Religious Community Reference (Written Recommendation Required)

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship

Academic Reference (Written Recommendation Required)

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

A copy of an unofficial transcript of grades must be sent with this application. On-line grade reports and transcripts ARE acceptable.

- A. Students currently or previously enrolled in college must include all college transcripts of grades from each school attended.
- B. High school seniors and students who have completed less than one full quarter or semester of post-secondary education must include a high school transcript of grades.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The applicant is responsible for submitting all materials to the ESTARL Committee Chairman on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application for a scholarship becomes complete and valid only when the ESTARL Committee has received all of the following materials.

☐	Completed Scholarship Application
☐	Copies of Required Transcripts
☐	Written Recommendation from a Religious Community Member
☐	Written Academic Recommendation
☐	Postmark Deadline is March 15, 2027

All materials including transcripts must be addressed to:

ESTARL Scholarship Committee
c/o Eva R. Canales, PM
252 West Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

I acknowledge that the decision of the ESTARL Scholarship Committee is final. I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program as described and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide further information to support what I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature

Date