

Illinois Masonic Scholarship Application:

- Grand Lodge of Illinois A.F. & A.M.
- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR)

Illinois Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite Masons provide scholarships to help individuals better themselves through the pursuit of knowledge.

This application, official high school or college transcript, and letters of recommendation must be received by **March 1st** of the year in which the application is made. The aforementioned documents shall become the property of the Scottish Rite and of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Illinois.

The following application covers six scholarships. Each of which has unique qualifications. Select the one(s) being applied for. The completed application, official transcript(s) and letters of recommendation should be forwarded to the closest Scottish Rite Valley.

Scholarships Open to the Public	Scholarships Requiring a Masonic Relationship
Health Career Fields	Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Illinois
Sherwood and Evelyn Kresin	Robert B. Perkins
	Louis L. Williams
	Leon M. Abbott

Scholarships Open to the Public

Health Career Fields: Masonic relationship is not required. The recipient must intend to enter the field of health care. Health care includes (but is not limited to) nursing, physical or occupational therapy, radiology, anesthesiology, etc.

Sherwood and Evelyn Kresin: Masonic relationship is not required. This scholarship has an exception for the “undergraduate only” restriction. The recipient may be in an undergraduate or a graduate course of study. There is no restriction regarding the recipient’s course of study.

Scholarships Requiring a Masonic Relationship

Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Illinois: Masonic relationship is required. The applicant must have a father or grandfather who is (or was at the time of his death) a member in good standing as an Illinois Master Mason. The applicant does not have to be a resident of Illinois.

Robert B. Perkins: Masonic relationship is required. The applicant must have a father, grandfather, brother, or uncle who is (or was, if deceased) a member in good standing of an Illinois Scottish Rite Valley. There is no restriction regarding the recipient’s course of study.

Louis L. Williams: Masonic relationship is required. The applicant must have a father, grandfather, brother, or uncle who is (or was, if deceased) a member in good standing of an Illinois Scottish Rite Valley. The applicant must attend Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. There is no restriction regarding the recipient’s course of study.

Leon M. Abbott: Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander (1921-1932). The applicant must be a member of or directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Also eligible are a members of youth organizations sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The recipient must be either an undergraduate or graduate student attending an accredited college or university for the upcoming academic year. While all other scholarships require a B average, The Abbott has a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 grade scale.

When the scholarship is granted, it may continue for as long as the recipient is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited college or university. However, it will be terminated at the end of the semester during which the recipient’s cumulative grade point average is not a B or higher. It may also be terminated if the recipient changes institutions or his/her program without notification to the scholarship committee.

A scholarship recipient desiring to renew his/her scholarship for the ensuing year must forward to the scholarship chairman a letter of intent declaring his/her desire to continue as a scholarship recipient. This information must be submitted by March 1st and must be accompanied by the most recent transcript available.

Scholarship checks will be forwarded to the student’s college or university to be credited to his/her account.

To be considered, the application must be **completed in full**.

You may submit only one application.

Your high school or college transcript is required. We prefer it to be bundled with the application, yet acknowledge some schools require mailing the transcripts separately.

Two letters of recommendation (one professional and one personal) must be submitted with your application packet. Both letters of recommendation must be written and placed in sealed envelopes. They are to be signed across the seal by the writer of the letter.

Forward this application, transcript, and your two letters of recommendation as a single bundle to the AASR Valley nearest you.

Scholarship Committee Valley of Bloomington, AASR P.O. Box 3695 Bloomington, IL 61702	Scholarship Committee Valley of Freeport, AASR 305 W. Stephenson Freeport, IL 61032	Scholarship Committee Valley of Quincy, AASR P.O. Box 267 Quincy, IL 62306
Scholarship Committee Valley of Chicago, AASR 383 East Lake Street Bloomington, IL 61018	Scholarship Committee Valley of Moline, AASR P.O. Box 525 Oquawka, IL 61469	Scholarship Committee Valley of Springfield, AASR 1020 Rickard Rd Springfield, IL 62704
Scholarship Committee Valley of Danville, AASR P.O. Box 693 Danville, IL 61834-0693	Scholarship Committee Valley of Peoria, AASR 400 N.E. Perry Ave. Peoria, IL 61603	Scholarship Committee Valley of Southern Illinois, AASR 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West Belleville, IL 62223-4898

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Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Home Address: _____

(City) (State) (Zip)

Cell Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____ S.S.N.: XXX-XX-_____ ... Last 4 only

Parent or

Home Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

General Requirements:

1. Be a resident of Illinois. ... Does not apply to Grand Lodge of Illinois.
2. Be an undergraduate student attending an accredited college or university.
3. Earn at least a "B" grade point average.

Please **initial** which scholarship(s) you are applying and for which you have met the qualifications as documented in the first two pages of this application:

____ Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Illinois: Must be a relative of an Illinois Master Mason. The applicant must have a father or grandfather who is (or was at the time of his death) a member in good standing as an Illinois Master Mason. The applicant does not have to be a resident of Illinois.

____ Health Career Fields: Must pursue a career in health care.

____ Sherwood and Evelyn Kresin: No additional requirements. May be in an undergraduate or graduate course of study.

____ Robert B. Perkins: Must be a relative of a Scottish Rite Mason.

____ Louis L. Williams: Must be a relative of a Scottish Rite Mason and must also attend Illinois Wesleyan University.

____ Leon M. Abbott: Must be a relative of a Scottish Rite Mason or member of a Masonic sponsored youth group. May be in an undergraduate or graduate course of study. GPA 2.75 out of 4.0

Requirement of Grand Lodge of Illinois, Perkins, Williams, and Abbott Scholarships:

1. Name of Masonic Relative: _____
2. Relationship: ____ Father ____ Stepfather ____ Grandfather ____ Uncle
____ Brother ____ Self ____ In-law ____ Masonic Youth Group (provide details)
3. Illinois Masonic Lodge name, number, and location:
_____ (if applying for Grand Lodge Scholarship)
4. Illinois Scottish Rite Valley of which your relative is a member:

The following rows are required for all applicants:

Number of minor dependents in family _____ Number of siblings in college next year _____

High School: _____

ACT Score: ____ SAT Score: ____ Class Rank ____ out of ____ GPA ____ out of ____

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Father (name, position, annual income) _____

Mother (name, position, annual income) _____

High School Academic Honors: _____

Offices Appointed/Elected to: _____ year _____ to _____
_____ year _____ to _____
_____ year _____ to _____

Extracurricular school related interests and activities: _____

College planned to attend? _____

College Address: _____

College Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

Academic status of next year: _____ (Fr, Soph, Jr, Sr, Grad)

Major Field of Study: _____

Minor Field of Study: _____

College Hours completed: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

Civic related interests and activities: _____

If there are circumstances not covered by this form that you want the Scholarship Committee of the Illinois Masonic Scottish Rite Scholarship Fund to consider in processing this application, please describe them below:

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Professional Letter of Recommendation by a Teacher or Professor

Name of Applicant: _____
As a courtesy, the applicant should fill in "Name of Applicant".

Please rate the applicant. Compare with others of like age and position.

General assessment of overall academic ability: Of the approximately _____ students at a comparable education level that I have known in recent years, I would rate this applicant in the upper _____ percent.

	Upper 5%	Upper 10%	Upper 25%	Upper 50%	Lower	No Basis
Intellectual achievement						
General knowledge						
Oral expression						
Written expression						
Working with others						
Emotional maturity						
Imagination / creativity						

In addition, please write a statement on the reverse side (or attach) indicating your opinion of the applicant's ability to pursue studies and to achieve professional success in his or her chosen field. Any pertinent information is valuable, but an evaluation of strengths and weaknesses is more helpful than general praise.

Name _____ Signature _____

Position _____ Address _____

School _____

Date _____

Please place this letter in a sealed envelope, sign across the seal, and return to the applicant. The application bundle needs to be submitted before March 1.

