



*The Illinois Odd Fellow-Rebekah
Scholarship Award
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
(217) 735-2561*



P.O. BOX248

Lincoln, IL 62656

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY USPS MAIL.

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY, FAILURE TO
DO SO WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF APPLICATION

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY

1. Applicant must use the current official Odd Fellow-Rebekah scholarship form which must be dated and signed by the Student, parent(s), or guardian(s) **and lodge official(s) where applicable.** (see instruction 12) **All applications and statements are required to be signed. Typewritten applications are preferred or must be legibly handwritten.** A recent photograph of the applicant, with a signature on the reverse side, must be firmly attached to the application. If signatures are missing, the application will NOT be accepted.
2. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.
3. Current Official high school transcript of the student's records if presently attending a school of higher education, must be submitted. Records may be photocopies that bear an original signature or seal of the proper authority.
4. All applications must be properly bound on the left by a clear plastic report folder. Please do not staple.
5. The applicant shall prepare a statement **RESTRICTED to 150 words or less**, setting forth his/her vocational or professional goal. Relate how past, present, and future activities make the accomplishment of this goal probable. This must be typed, properly signed, and enclosed with all supporting materials. The application will be disqualified if the essay is not included and properly signed.
6. A current, dated, and signed recommendation, **RESTRICTED to 150 words or less**, from the Principal or Counselor in authority and from one teacher at the school the applicant is currently attending is required. Each recommendation must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal, and returned to the student for enclosure in the scholarship packet.
7. Include one letter of endorsement from a responsible community (NON-SCHOOL) person. **This person should not be related to the applicant**, but can be a businessperson, minister, or civic leader. The person should be capable of reporting the applicant's participation in the community, in terms of work, service, leadership, notable skills, and outstanding recognition. Do not refer to school accomplishments. This should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal, and returned to the student for enclosure in the scholarship packet.



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- 8 All parts of the application (application, principal's/counselor's statement, teacher's statement, non-school endorsement, and official transcript) must be enclosed in one packet and must be returned to the Scholarship committee at the **Grand Lodge office at 845 Wyatt Ave. P.O. Box 248, Lincoln, IL 62656-0248 (before the FEBRUARY 15th deadline)**, or emailed to glioof@ioof-il.org with Scholarship app for (list students name)" noted in the Scholarship line. Please allow ample mail delivery time! It is the responsibility of the applicant to consolidate all materials in one packet.
9. Applicant must be a resident of Illinois and a citizen of the United States. If applicant is a naturalized citizen, proof of citizenship must accompany application.
10. Only those chosen to receive awards will be notified by the end of June. Anyone wishing a list of recipients must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.
11. **A copy of your most recent Federal 1040 income tax Forms for the supporting parents is required. Illinois State 1040 forms or W2's are NOT acceptable. Required pages are only the page showing adjusted gross income and dependants. This information is for verification purposes only. Failure to do so will disqualify your application. Please black out Social Security numbers. We need 1040 forms from Both Supporting Parents if they are divorced or separated.**
12. **You do not have to be an Odd Fellow or Rebekah member to complete this application. Only Odd Fellow and Rebekah members (self, or Supporting Parents, or Supporting Grandparents) must submit a Lodge Certification letter under the Seal of the Lodge. Failure to do so will lead to your application being disqualified.**
13. The Application must be signed by parents and applicant. This application is strictly confidential. No financial information will be shared from your application. **However, if your student is not chosen, it is acceptable to share the following information with lodges in your area that are giving scholarships from the local lodge. We will share your essay, the student's name and phone number, the parent's names, school information & phone number, the number of dependents, and the number of dependents currently in college.** This will give your student a greater chance of receiving a scholarship from the local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs lodges.
14. **The Illinois Odd Fellow Rebekah Scholarship Program will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity.**



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**FOR CURRENT/RETURNING COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL LATER IN LIFE.
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APPLICATION.**

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6. Current dated and signed recommendation, **RESTRICTED to 150 words or less**, from the two College Professors or Instructors in authority at the school the applicant is currently attending are required. Each recommendation must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal, and returned to the student for enclosure in the scholarship packet.
7. Include one letter of endorsement from a responsible community (NON-SCHOOL) person. **This person should not be related to the applicant**, but can be a businessperson, minister, religious official, or civic leader. The person should be capable of reporting the applicant's participation in the community in terms of work service, leadership, notable skills, and outstanding recognition. **Do not refer to high school accomplishments.** This should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal, and returned to the student for enclosure in the scholarship packet.

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12. The Application must be signed by supporting parents and the applicant. This application is strictly confidential. No financial information will be shared from your application. **We will however if your student is not chosen, share the following information with lodges in your area that are giving scholarships from the local lodge. We will share your essay, the student's name and phone number, the parent's names, school information & phone number, the number of dependents, and the number of dependents currently in college.** This will give you/your student a greater chance of receiving a scholarship from the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs local lodges.
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Application of Required Facts

BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED AND SCHOLASTIC ABILITY

IMPORTANT: Before preparing this application, it is recommended that the procedure outlined in the General Instructions be carefully studied and then completely executed.

Name: _____ Address: _____

_____ Phone () _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ County: _____ DOB: _____ Place of Birth _____

_____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Illinois Resident (Yes/No) _____ U.S. Citizen

(Yes/No) _____

Naturalized Citizen (Yes/No) _____ (If yes, Verification documentation is required)

Are you a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows? _____ Rebekahs? _____ If so, give the name and number of the Lodge and location: _____ (Attach

verification from the lodge Secretary, under seal of the Lodge)

SCHOLASTIC

Present educational level, (must be at least a High School Senior.)

High School: Senior

Junior College: Freshman Sophomore

College/University: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Other: _____

Current School Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please ensure a copy of your current school grade transcript is submitted to the Scholarship Committee. Also submit your personal essay.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (School Related)

Use the reverse side of this page if more space is needed.

Honors and Awards (State year and nature of honor or award):

Offices and positions of leadership (state name of organization, position and year):

Member of Organizations where no office held (state name of Organization and year):

List Memberships/Involvement in Community Work or Volunteer Activities:

Organization	Activity	Year

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FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Have you been granted scholarship aid? _____ if so give details: _____

Employment positions	Periods of employment	Average time each week

PARENTAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

(To be completed by parent(s)/guardian(s) of applicants who are dependent on parent(s)/guardian(s) for financial support). Applicants not dependents on parent(s)/guardian(s) for financial help, please complete page 5.

Supporting Parent/Father (Guardian) _____

Name

Age

Occupation

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Supporting Parent/Mother (Guardian) _____

Name

Age

Occupation

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Father's present annual gross income \$ _____ Mother's \$ _____

ATTACH COPY OF MOST RECENT FEDERAL 1040 FORM (REQUIRED) PAGES ONLY REFERRING TO DEPENDANTS AND ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR VERIFICATION ONLY.

Total number of dependents (**Do not** include mother and father) _____

Number of above dependents presently attending college _____

Are you (father/mother) members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows? _____ Rebekahs? _____ If so give name, number and location of the Lodge. _____ Include a **letter of**

Certification under the seal of the Lodge. See instruction 12.

Father's (Guardian's) present employment _____

Mother's (Guardian's) present employment _____

Any further comments that you care to make regarding your financial status (i.e. prolong illness, single parent, financial situation, etc) _____

If more space is needed use the back side of this sheet.

If you sign below you allow your student's picture to be placed in Local newspaper articles if they win a scholarship and are under the age of 18. It also allows us to share the following information with local lodges in your area: **Student's name and phone number, Parent's names, School currently attending, number of dependents and number currently in college.** Failure to sign this application will disqualify this application.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Father/Guardian

Mother/Guardian

Student

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APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT DEPENDENT ON PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Have you been granted scholarship aid? _____ if so give details: _____

Employment positions	Periods of employment	Average time each week

APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Applicant _____

Name	Age	Occupation
Address _____		
Street	City	State Zip

Spouse _____

Name	Age	Occupation
Address _____		
Street	City	State Zip

Applicant's present annual gross income \$ _____ Spouse \$ _____

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Total number of dependents (Do not include yourself) _____

Number of above dependents presently attending college _____

Are you or your spouse members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows? _____ Rebekahs? _____ If so give name, number and location of the Lodge. _____ Include a **letter of**

Certification under the seal of the Lodge.

Applicant's present employment _____ Spouse's present
 employment _____ Any further comments

that you care to make regarding your financial status (i.e. prolong illness,
 single parent, financial situation, etc) _____

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Signed: _____ Signed: _____ Applicant
 Spouse

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IF POSSIBLE USE TYPEWRITER OR COMPUTER ONLY.

PRINCIPAL'S/COUNSELOR/INSTRUCTOR STATEMENT

PLEASE NOTE: This statement must be **returned to the student NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15** enclosed in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal, or emailed to gioof@ioof-il.org with subject Scholarship app for (list students name).

Concerning: _____ Date: _____
Student's name

1. Is the applicant a student in good standing? _____
2. Date of his/her graduation. _____ Current grade point Average _____
3. For assistance of the Scholarship Committee, please explain your present grading system, if not clarified on the transcript.
4. In your opinion, what are the student's chances of completing college or vocational school of his/her choice? Excellent Good Fair Poor
5. Please, **RESTRICT** your comments to **150 words or less** on the qualifications and need of this applicant for a scholarship award. This will be kept strictly confidential.

6. **PLEASE NOTE:** An official copy of the student's transcript is required and can be sealed in the envelope with this statement.

Signed: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

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TEACHER/PROFESSOR/INSTRUCTOR STATEMENT

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Concerning:_____Date:_____
Student's name

1. In your opinion to what extent do you consider this applicant a worthy candidate for a scholarship? Please **RESTRICT** your comments to **150 words or less.**

Signed:_____

Title:_____

Address:_____

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NON-SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT

(This statement will be disqualified if completed by a school official or teacher. Please do not refer to academic or school-related activities.)

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This statement should attest to the student's participation in the community in terms of work, service, leadership, notable skills, and outstanding recognition.

Concerning:_____ Date:_____ Student's name

1. In your opinion to what extent do you consider this applicant a worthy candidate for a scholarship? **Please RESTRICT your comment to 150 words or less.**

Signed:_____

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