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FACT SHEET FOR APPLICANTS FOR COLORADO MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND VOCATIONAL GRANT

PURPOSE: These grants are intended to provide financial assistance to deserving students. They are not intended to cover all expenses. In your planning, you should not assume that a grant has been awarded until you are officially notified by the grant administrator or the grant committee. We expect decisions to be made and notifications to be sent out late in May 2017.

AWARD: Award amounts are not determined by the Board until at least February 2017. Last year, we awarded one-time grants of \$1000. These grants are intended to assist in obtaining vocational skill from an accredited vocational training program within the State of Colorado. The program must be accredited by a recognized accreditation committee. Grants are awarded without reference to race, religion, sex, national origin or Masonic relationship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

1. You must be a graduating Colorado Public High School Senior.
2. You must be a citizen of the United States of America.
3. You must attend an vocational institution within the State of Colorado.
4. Completed applications must be submitted by March 31, 2017 to be considered.

CHECKLIST: (Please arrange your application packet in this order.)

1. Complete all four pages of the application form. It must be signed by both applicant and parent/guardian.
2. Write a personal letter which includes the following topics:
 - a. Your goals and objectives for the future.
 - b. Why you require financial assistance.
 - c. Why you feel you should be selected for our scholarship.
3. A grade transcript covering your entire high school career, including your GPA and class rank.
4. A letter of acceptance from the university, college or institution of higher learning listed on the application.
5. A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
6. Four letters of recommendation. (Letters should be from personal acquaintances, employers, clergy, or teachers, preferably who have known you or your family over a period of time. It is best not to have all the letters from teachers. Letters will be reviewed by the Lodge interview committee.

7. You must arrange for a personal interview with members of the Masonic Lodge assigned to your high school. There is a list of Lodges and contact information on our website at: www.cmbfa.org. You should make contact with the Lodge as soon as possible, as interview dates may be preselected by the Lodge. Your application and all required documents must be available for review at your interview. The Lodge will send an interview letter to the selection committee separately.

8. Following the interview, please submit your complete application and required documents to:

Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association

Vocational Grant Administrator

PO Box 703

Westminster, CO 80036-0703

The completed application form with all accompanying materials must be submitted together in order no later than March 31, 2017 to be considered. Please do not submit any photographs. Any photographs received will be destroyed before the application is submitted to the selection committee.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Applicants will be advised if they were selected or not. Notices will normally be by email. Selections are not usually completed until mid to late May.

All Grant money will be paid through and managed by the Student Aid Office of the vocational institution.

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 end of our committee's selection process.

Please refer any questions regarding the preparation of the application material to your high school counselor, or feel free to contact our office. Our preferred contact method is by e-mail at education@cmbfa.org, or you can contact via the information on the letterhead.

**APPLICATION FOR A COLORADO MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND
VOCATIONAL GRANT**

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____
Street City

COLORADO _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
State Zip Telephone No. Cell Phone No.

Date of Birth _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Vocational Training Institution you plan to attend

Approved by _____ recognized accreditation committee.

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

Cumulative GPA _____ Class Standing _____ ACT/SAT _____

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

| | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 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)

Did you submit a FAFSA application? Yes____ No____ (Complete FAFSA is required to be submitted with application)

Total anticipated resources for your vocational training

From your family \$ _____

From your personal savings \$ _____

From earnings during your training \$ _____

From earnings during your College year

Loans \$ _____

Work Study Programs \$ _____

Other scholarships (listed above) \$ _____

Grants (listed above) \$ _____

TOTAL RESOURCES \$ _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

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

1. I need this scholarship money to continue my training.
2. I will use the grant money only for the payment of legitimate educational expenses at the institution in which I am enrolled.
3. I agree to keep the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association advised of the current address and phone number of my residence during the school year and a permanent address, phone number, and email for contact.
4. I agree to inform the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association 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 it is with my knowledge that _____ is applying for a Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Vocational Grant to further his/her education at _____.

Name of Institution

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

(Please arrange your packet in this order)

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 - 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, including GPA and class rank.
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).
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.
7. You must arrange for a personal interview with one of the members of the Masonic Lodge that sponsor's your high school, as listed on our website at cmbfa.org. Please make contact with your Lodge as soon as possible, as interview dates may be preselected but the Lodge. Lodge contact information can be found on our website, www.cmbfa.org. You should complete checklist items 1 thru 6 prior to the interview and have them available at the interview.

Following the interview, please check the website at www.cmbfa.org for submission instructions which will be posted by January 31, 2016. The complete application form with all accompanying materials must be submitted together in order no later than March 1, 2016 to be considered.

Please do not submit any photos. Any photos received will be destroyed before your application is considered.

