

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania

2019 Graduate Scholarship Award Rules

- 1. Two \$3,000.00 awards have been brought into existence to benefit present and hopefully, future members of the Order. The objective is to assist any deserving applicant in securing a Music Education Degree, Teaching Degree, or a Health Related Fields Degree beyond the undergraduate (4 yr.) college level.**
- 2. Applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania and enrolled in the graduate program of an accredited college/university.**
- 3. Applicant must complete all information requested on the application and**
 - a) Present three (3) written recommendations from.....**
 - i. College/university faculty member(s), and/or***
 - ii. Representative(s) of a community service organization***

Note: Please contact the persons from whom you are requesting recommendation letters and send their contact information along with your application.
 - b) Provide a transcript(s) indicating the completion of an undergraduate degree or the completion of at least four (4) years toward a degree requiring additional years.**
 - c) Submit copies of IRS W-2 forms of family and applicant and information regarding financial aid, scholarships, and awards which applicant has received.**
 - d) Attach any unusual family and/or personal circumstances that applicant feels may warrant attention in demonstrating the need for this award.**
- 4. Applicant must be a graduate student majoring in Music Education, Teacher Education, or a Health Related Field and provide the name and address of the college/university they are presently attending.**
- 5. Applicant agrees that the Award is to be applied toward tuition, the purchase of books/supplies, and/or room and board. An Awards check will be sent directly to the recipient's school of choice.**

- 6. Applicant has earned an overall academic record of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale on his/her most recent transcript.**
- 7. Applicant should be an active participant in his/her community and church.**
- 8. Applicant shall present a written 500 word essay on "Why I May Consider Membership in the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs of PA."**
- 9. Applicant must be willing to appear before the Association's Board of Directors and/or the Scholarship Award Committee, if requested.**
- 10. Applicant shall consent to have photographs taken of the award presentation with the committee and/or representatives of the IOOF.**
- 11. Reapplication can be made the next school year if applicant is not successful in receiving the Award.**
- 12. Applications must be received by November 30, 2019. The Graduate Scholarship Award Committee shall have the sole responsibility in selecting the Award recipient(s) based on the above guidelines.**

Note: If possible, please submit a passport sized photo of yourself.

Please mail completed application and enclosures to:

**Mr. Robert Grant
Scholarship Award Chairman
40 Cypress Way
Charleroi, PA 15022-3331**