



GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's time to remind you about the **2026 Odd Fellow-Rebekah of Pennsylvania Scholarship Program**. Each year we have been able to provide young men and women with financial help toward their education.

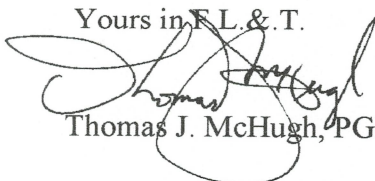
Enclosed is one (1) nomination form for your lodge. Please copy it for your members. The nomination form will also soon appear in the monthly Odd Fellow magazine. No nominations will be accepted if not on this form. Please make sure you complete the nomination form correctly and meet all deadlines. Members of any branch of the order who are making the nomination **MUST** be members in good standing of their lodge. A student 25 years of age and over must be a member of the order and can then nominate themselves.

Last year we received 67 nominations and were able to award 34 scholarships. We hope this year we will see an increase in these numbers. We are happy to report that because of Odd Fellow generosity we are able to award \$1000 to those who are selected by the judges.

Be sure to mail the nomination to the address on the form. **DO NOT MAIL TO GRAND LODGE**. The deadline for completing and mailing the nomination form is **January 31, 2026**, and is strictly adhered to. Upon receipt of this nomination form, the scholarship application will then be mailed directly to the nominee. We hope as the nominator you will stay in contact with the student you have nominated and make sure they have returned the application with all necessary attachments by the due date of March 16, 2026. No extensions will be granted and deadlines are strictly enforced. Students will NOT be contacted if items are missing, or application not completed properly.

Remember, only children, grandchildren and step-children under the age of 25 are eligible to be nominated by members of the order. Nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, neighbors and friends are not. If these non-qualifying relatives or friends wish to apply, please suggest that either their parents or they themselves consider joining an Odd Fellow Lodge.

Yours in F.L. & T.


Thomas J. McHugh, PGM Chairman

THE IOOF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

DEADLINE FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS IS MAY 15

Scholarships offered by the IOOF Educational Foundation support students who are members or relatives of members of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. Parents and family members sending a child to college will find a range of scholarships made possible by the generosity of our Order. We also provide loans with a 4% interest rate, long-term repayment, and no financial need requirements.

Eligibility includes students who are members, or relatives of members, of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. Eligible relatives are living or deceased spouses, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, and parents of spouses, provided the relative was or is a member in good standing of the Lodge.

Students who meet the above eligibility criteria can apply for Odd Fellow scholarships after completing one semester of college, except Vo-Tech students, who may apply after high school for the Vo-Tech scholarship.

Eligible students can visit the website: ioof.org, click "Our Programs", click "Educational Foundation". There you can review all of our scholarship opportunities and download all but one of the applications, Or use this link:

<https://odd-fellows.org/programs/education-foundation/>

The deadline each year is May 15 for submission of The Educational Foundation, IOOF scholarships. For further information, contact Ken Babb, Director of The Educational Foundation, IOOF at 336-723-2404 or rkbabb1@bellsouth.net.

The current EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Scholarships available include:

\$15,000.00 Christine Smith Graduate Scholarship

Scholarships at the graduate level for students who address the needs of society relating to Children & Family issues for students who hold a bachelor's degree.

\$5,000.00 & \$2,000.00 Ingstrom Trust Regional Scholarships

Based on financial need, scholarship, and leadership. Students in a regular college curriculum can apply to each of the fifteen Odd Fellow jurisdictional regions.

\$5,000.00 Betty Moates Science and Technology Scholarship

Awarded annually to students pursuing a college major in medical technology, chemistry, biology, mathematics, or an education major to teach in one of the aforementioned majors.

\$4,000.00 Glenn Coursey Agriculture Scholarship

Awarded to students pursuing a degree in Agriculture.

\$4,000.00 Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

Intended for students who do not attend college immediately after graduation from high school.

\$4,000.00 Degree Program Nursing Scholarship (Endowed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa)

For students pursuing an accredited nursing program in an associate, baccalaureate, master's, or other degree program in a nursing-related field.

\$1,000.00 LPN & CNA Nursing Certificate Scholarship (Endowed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa)

For students pursuing an accredited nursing program in an LPN or CNA certificate program.

\$2,000.00 Vocational Technology Scholarship

For students enrolled in a Vocational or Technology Institution, training for quality job skills in a particular job function or trade.

\$2,000.00 Wirz Scholarship

For students in a regular college curriculum who may not be an Odd Fellow or Rebekah member or related to an Odd Fellow or Rebekah member.

\$3,500.00 Peter Geolot Continuing Education Grants

For members who wish to enroll in continuing education courses in their job-related field, or for enrollment in continuing education courses in a new field, to further their occupational goals.

\$16,000.00 Student Loans

Loans for students in a full academic course of four or more years bearing an interest rate of 4%. Repayments begin three months after graduation or discontinuing college.



PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW-REBEKAH
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM - Chair

NOMINATION FOR THE YEAR 2026

Please Print Clearly

Student Nominee Name _____ Age _____

Nominees age 25 & older must be a member of an Odd Fellow Order in their own right.

Address _____ City _____

This address will be used for all scholarship correspondence.

State _____ Zip _____ Phone No. _____

School Presently Attending _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Nominator Name _____ E-mail _____

**Nominator must be a member in good standing with the Order.*

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Relationship of Student to nominator _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Lodge # and Name _____

DO **NOT** SEND THIS FORM TO GRAND LODGE.

NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE ON THIS FORM ONLY

NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2026

MAIL TO:

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM

PA Odd Fellow Scholarship Program

288 Church Road

Mountain Top, PA 18707 (570)793-3692

COMMITTEE USE ONLY: Received _____ / _____ / _____

Application sent _____ / _____ / _____