

THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, IOOF ANNOUNCES INCREASES IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Educational Foundation, IOOF at its 2024 Board meeting in Pittsburgh voted to increase the scholarship awards for most of the scholarships available from them.

The new awards are:

Ingstrom Regional Scholarship

Increased from \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the top application score in the region and an award of \$2,000.00 for the second place application score in the region.

Non Traditional Scholarship

Increased from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

Glen Coursey Agricultural Scholarship

Increased from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

Nursing Degree Program Scholarship

Increased from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

Vocational Technology Scholarship

Increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

Peter Geolot Continuing Education Grants

Increased from \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00.

These increases will allow students, who are members or relatives of members of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, to lessen the load of their education.

We want all members to become familiar with The Educational Foundation since we frequently hear that many Odd Fellows and Rebekahs do not know about this exceptional program of our Order which began in 1927 at the Hot Spring, Arkansas Sovereign Grand Lodge Session.

We can provide you, your children or grandchildren, a shot at a secure economic future. A college education has never been more important, and financing it has never been more challenging. That's why our Educational Foundation wants you to know that members can come to us for assistance with college financing for themselves and their family relatives.

College is one of the best investments a person can make – for their future or for their family members. Parents, or other family members, of a child heading off to college, will be very excited about our loans, with a low interest rate of 4%, long term repayment periods and no financial need requirements, as well as the many scholarships we offer, all possible through the generosity of the members of this Order.

It's little wonder that sacrifice, bordering on hardship for some families, has become the common lot of Americans and Canadians who hope to provide a post secondary education for their kids, and their kid's kids.

The Educational Foundation, IOOF offers hope, a way to reduce the financial strain. With our student loan and scholarship programs, we can assist our Order's families proceed more safely through the college years.

The current Scholarships available from The Educational Foundation, IOOF are listed below:

\$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 in each of 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, masters or other degree program 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 of 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.

Please share this communication with the members of your Lodge who are a living spouse, parent, grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, or parent of a spouse of a potential college student. This also applies to an applicant's deceased spouse, parent, grandparent or great grandparent who was a member in good standing of your Lodge at the time of their death.

Students who are a member, or related to a member, of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, can apply for Odd Fellow scholarships after they have completed one semester in college (except for Vo-Tech students who can 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.

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