



# SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER'S SCHOLARSHIP



## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship Program, established in January 2006, will be awarded according to the following guidelines and criteria and will be funded through the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., and through endowments of private donors to the Foundation for the purpose of and reserved unto the Scholarship. The Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship is designed exclusively to help individuals who may not be top scholars, but are experiencing dire financial hardship or who have special circumstances that would prevent them from pursuing college level study or learning a vocation. Depending on availability of funds, this scholarship may be awarded annually to one or more eligible individuals to be applied toward tuition and books for graduate or undergraduate study at an accredited university, college, or vocational school in the United States. Only those with the following limited criteria will be considered:

- ◆ This scholarship will be available only to citizens of the United States residing and attending accredited academic institutions or vocational schools in the United States.
- ◆ May have experienced overcoming a hardship or having struggled through a unique life experience that revealed one's strength, courage, and endurance.
- ◆ Demonstrated leadership ability, volunteer experience, and participation in social, civic, religious, and fraternal activities.
- ◆ Must have maintained at least a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher while in high school and college prior to the awarding of this scholarship. The scholarship may be renewed annually for a maximum of four years (or until the recipient earns a Bachelor's degree or vocational license or certification, if attained sooner). Of course, renewal of the scholarship is dependent on the availability of funds and on the recipient maintaining at least a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for the duration of this scholarship.

Special consideration will be given to a student's volunteer experience, leadership qualities, special circumstances, ambition, dedication, academic preparation for performance at the advanced level, and financial need (please provide evidence of family's income or life's experience that would otherwise prevent the student from attending college).

Applications must be mailed to the Director of Education of the Supreme Council, 1733 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009-3103, by April 1 of each year. Final selections, if any, will be at the sole discretion and determination of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council. Before any payments are made, the applicants must be accepted for enrollment at accredited institutions of higher learning that are authorized to grant degrees in the applicants' selected fields of study or at vocational schools that are authorized to grant certifications or licenses in the selected trades or vocations.

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