



*Grand Chapter of Oklahoma
Order of the Eastern Star*



VAN ATTA ENDOWED ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR AWARD

The Van Atta Endowed ESTARL Scholarship was established by the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Order of Eastern Star as a result of a generous charitable distribution from the Lawrence E. Van Atta Trust. This gift was intended to provide a perpetual endowment scholarship fund for the Eastern Star Training Award for **Religious Leadership**. It was the dream and intent of Brother Van Atta that Oklahoma Grand Chapter use the income generated annual from this specific charitable gift to provide annual scholarships to applicants who shall meet, at a minimum, specific requirements. The qualifications are contained within this application packet. If you or anyone you know meets these qualifications, we encourage you to complete this process so that we may assist you in your religious leadership training.

QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE THE VAN ATTA ENDOWED ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The individual applicant must believe in God; additionally, the individual applicant must be an active participant in mainline Christian faith. Further, the individual applicant must believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior of our World.
2. The individual applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of two (2) years of college with a principal study focus in religious leadership.
3. The Individual applicant shall, upon successful completion of their religious and academic studies, commit to Christ as a religious minister, Missionary, Music minister or a youth minister.
4. The Individual applicant's application shall include a certified transcript of their high school and college academics record.
5. The individual applicant must be an individual who was born in Oklahoma and shall have resided within the State of Oklahoma for at least eight (8) years.
6. The individual applicant's application shall include four (4) letters from the following:
 - (a) Their church minister as to their participation in their church community.
 - (b) A college professor whose class they have successfully completed.
 - (c) A parent, if living, or a close relative or individual who has known them for at least ten (10) years who can speak to the nature of their character and integrity.
 - (d) A creditor or lender who can state that the applicant is in need of a scholarship in order to meet their academic financial tuition requirement.

If all of the above Qualifications are met, please continue application.

11. Check the field of religious service you will enter: Ministry__, Missionary__, Director of Religious Education__, Director of Youth Leadership__, Director of Church Music__, Other (Please explain) _____.
12. Do you plan to make this your life work?_____
13. Give name and address of school in which you will enroll in September.
Name_____Address_____
14. Outline the financial assistance you believe you will require this year:_____
15. Are you now or have you ever been the recipient of a Van Atta Endowed ESTARL award?
____Yes _____No
16. Have you been or are you the recipient of any other scholarship or award? ____ If so from whom and in what amounts _____
17. Do you have any Masonic or Eastern Star affiliation? _____
(Not required to be eligible for award.)
18. Attach a certified transcript of your high school and college academic records.
19. Attach letters from (a) your church minister as to your participation in your church community, (b) a college professor whose class you have successfully completed, (c) a parent, if living, or a close relative or individual who has known you for at least ten (10) years who can speak to the nature of your character and integrity; AND (d) a creditor or lender who can state that you are in need of a scholarship in order to meet your academic financial tuition requirements. (Must provide all four letters)

ALSO COMPLETE THE **PERSONAL INFORMATION** SHEET AND INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION.

IMPORTANT

All Applications, Personal Information, Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation, etc. as outlined in above application, are to be directed to the Van Atta ESTARL Scholarship Chairman and postmarked on or before July 15, 2008. In the event you are a recipient of the scholarship we must receive as signed Agreement and Authorization to Release Academic Records, prior to distribution of the funds.

Ann Barnes, Chairman
2320 Morgan Drive
Norman, OK 73069
(405) 364-1012
annbarnes@ou.edu

Date:_____

Applicants Signature

Personal Information:

To be attached to the Van Atta Endowed ESTARL Scholarship Application:

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Marital Status: Married ____ Single ____ Widowed ____ Divorce ____ Separated ____
 Name of Wife or Husband (Include Wife's maiden Name) _____
 Number of Children: ____
 Name _____ Age ____ Address _____
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Financial Information:

Anticipated income from your part time work \$ _____ Source: _____
 Contributions from family or others \$ _____
 Scholarship's or Fellowships received or anticipated:
 Source: _____

Spouse's Income \$ _____ Source: _____
 Total Indebtedness \$ _____ Names of debtors and amounts: _____
 Affiliations: (Organizations or groups):

FOR USE BY THE COMMITTEE:

1. Scholarship granted in the amount of \$ _____
2. Special consideration, if any, _____
3. Scholarship not granted for the following reasons:
 - a. Lack of adequate and available scholarship funds. ____
 - b. Student's need for scholarship not effectively established. ____
 - c. Applicant did not meet all of the required rules of application. ____
 - d. Other reasons (specify) _____

_____ Date: _____
 Chair of Van Atta ESTARL Committee

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Of the State of Oklahoma

AGREEMENT

This agreement entered into between the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Oklahoma and _____ (hereinafter "the Recipient") in Guthrie, Oklahoma on the date as indicated below:

1. The Recipient having made application for a monetary award, and having been awarded a scholarship for the school year ____ in the amount of \$_____, by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Oklahoma, under its program known as the Van Atta Endowed ESTARL Scholarship does hereby affirm on my honor that it is my purpose to use the money so awarded to pay my necessary expense of education so as to qualify me as a _____. Said amount will be paid to the following school:

2. The Recipient does hereby further affirm on my honor that it is my intention to become actively engaged in the above vocation immediately upon completion of necessary schooling.

3. The Recipient further agrees as a condition of such award that if I do not become actively engaged in said vocation following the completion of the required course of study, that the money awarded to me shall be considered as a loan, and Recipient agrees to repay all money awarded to me in not more than ten (10) equal monthly installments, the first payment to become due 2 months after completion or abandonment of said course of study. The payment of such money shall be made to : Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Order of Easter Star, 1415 N. Walnut, Guthrie, OK 73044 for the Van Atta ESTARL Scholarship Fund.

4. If however, the Recipient becomes actively engaged in the above vocation after completion of necessary school courses, then this agreement shall terminated and the undersigned shall not be obligated to repay any portion of said award.

5. The undersigned further agrees that failure to maintain a minimum semester grade point average of a "C" will be grounds for termination of the scholarship. As further consideration for receiving this award does hereby waive any and all privacy rights pursuant to FERPA, for the purpose of verification that I am maintaining a minimum semester grade point average of a "C".

6. A copy of this agreement same as original.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 20__.

Recipient Printed Name

Witness Printed Name

Signature

Signature

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS

I, the undersigned, authorize the release of my records and information relating to my academic records including but not limited to my grades to:

Chair, Van Atta Endowed ESTARL Scholarship Committee
Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Order of Easter Star

for the purpose of monitoring my educational progress.

I understand that (1) I have the right not to consent to the release of my education records; (2) I have the right to receive a copy of such records upon request; (3) and that this consent shall remain in effect until revoked by me, in writing, and delivered to you but that any such revocation shall not affect disclosures previously made by you prior to the receipt of any such written revocation.

Student's Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(If student is under 18)

THIS INFORMATION IS RELEASED SUBJECT TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF THE FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS WHICH PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE PERSON TO WHOM IT PERTAINS, OR AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED.