



2024-2025
Hudson River Lodge
No. 309 F&AM
Scholarship Foundation

Who Are the Masons?

Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternity. Its history and tradition date to antiquity. Its singular purpose is to make good men better. Its bonds of friendship, compassion, and brotherly love have survived even the most divisive political, military, and religious conflicts through the centuries. Freemasonry is neither a forum nor a place for worship. We welcome men of all beliefs and traditions.

Many of our nation's early patriots were Freemasons, including thirteen signers of the Constitution and fourteen Presidents of the United States, such as George Washington, Harry Truman, Franklin Roosevelt, and Teddy Roosevelt, among others.

Today, the more than three million Freemasons around the world and come from virtually every occupation and profession. Within the fraternity, they all meet as equals. They come from diverse religious and political ideologies, but they meet as friends.

One of the fascinating aspects of Freemasonry has always been how so many men from so many different walks of life can meet together in peace, avoid political or religious debates, conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other "Brother!"

Freemasons are respectable citizens who are taught to conform to the moral code of society and to abide by the laws of the government under which they live. Freemasons are men of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Our mission is guided by the enduring and relevant principle tenets of our fraternity:

- *Brotherly love. We value respect, freedom, kindness, tolerance, and our differences - religious, ethnic, cultural, social, generational, and educational - and strive for harmony in our individual lives, in our lodges, and in the global community.*
- *Relief. We take responsibility for the well-being of our brothers, our families, and the community as a whole. We provide relief through philanthropy, community involvement, and delivery of excellent care.*
- *Truth. We stay true to our personal code of conduct and ethics - honor, integrity, personal responsibility, and the continuous pursuit of knowledge.*

Submit Short Essay – There are millions of Freemasons around the world. Pick a Freemason of your choice and submit short essay on why you chose him and his accomplishments.



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Scholarships are awarded to current high school seniors who will begin full time undergraduate and/or vocational studies in the Fall 2025 Semester.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence and community service. Students are required to have a minimum 80%(2.7GPA), and provide proof of service(s) to the community.

If selected, awards will be made payable in the amount of **\$500** directly to the recipient.

Application deadline is May 21, 2025

Step 1: Personal Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone #:(_____)_____-_____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Undisclosed

Do you know any past or current Masons? ☐ No ☐ Yes (This does not impact scholarship eligibility)

If No, proceed to **Step 2**.

If Yes, please answer the following questions to best of your knowledge and abilities:

First & Last Name of Mason: _____

Lodge Mason Attends: _____

Lodge Address: _____



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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Step 2: Educational Information

Name of Graduation High School: _____

Address of Graduation High School: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Graduation Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Name of College/Institution You Will Be Attending: _____

Curriculum You Will Be Enrolled In: _____

Date of Acceptance: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Date of Enrollment: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Step 3: Application Instructions/Requirements

1. The following **MUST** be submitted with your application:

1. **Short essay – Pick a Freemason of your choice and submit short essay on why you chose him and his accomplishments.**
2. Official transcripts including first semester senior year grades..
3. (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher and/or counselor.
4. List of extra-curricular activities -sports, clubs, hobbies, etc. (school or non-school related).
5. List of any notable awards or community service.

Please email applications to: HRLodge309@Outlook.com

Or mail applications to:

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On behalf of Hudson River Lodge No. 309 F&AM, we thank you for your application!