

**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL NATIONAL GRAND LODGE  
 FREE AND ACCEPTED ANCIENT YORK RITE MASONS PRINCE  
 HALL ORIGIN- NATIONAL COMPACT, U.S.A.**



**JEFFERSON D. TUFTS, SR. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE 2025**

APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST	YES	NO
<b>Application ( Must be Typed)</b>		
<b>Essay Subject Matter (Must be Typed)</b>		
<b>Short Answer Questions (Must be Typed)</b>		
<b>Checked for Grammar</b>		
<b>Recommendation Letter (Must be included or attached)</b>		
<b>JPG Photo Included (Must be included or attached)</b>		
<b>High School or College Transcript (Must be Included or attached)</b>		
<b>Signed off by Worthy Matron</b> <span style="float: right;">Date: _____</span>		
<b>Signed off by Grand Master</b> <span style="float: right;">Date: _____</span>		

**\*\*If the application package is missing any of the above items, please do not forward to the Scholarship Committee it will not be reviewed**

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The Jefferson D. Tufts, Sr. Scholarship Committee will award scholarships to eligible students at the Grand Masters and National Department Head Workshop and Triennial Session in July. This Scholarship is to provide financial assistance for attendance at a higher institution of learning to high school graduates. These scholarships are awarded to qualified applicants regardless of race, religion, creed, or area of study. All awarded Scholarship will be paid directly to the Register's Office at the recipient's college or university following notification by the Registrar.

**SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

- Must be high school graduate or have a G.E.D.
- A cumulative G.P.A of 2.5 or higher based on the 4.0 Grading Scale
- Recommendation letter from a current teacher, guidance counselor or community member, etc.
- Must be accepted as full –time student (minimum of 12 semester hours or equivalent) at a two or four- year accredited college or university during the fall semester of the year in which the application is submitted.
- If presently enrolled, must pass at least 12 semester hours with at least a 2.5 cumulative as evidence by grades submitted to the scholarship committee.
- Must submit a typed essay limited to no less than 400 words and no more than 500 words on the topic “ **What is your opinion of Diversity, equality and inclusion (DEI)?**”
- Application must be typed and neat. The completed application must be attached to the essay. **Incomplete or handwritten applications will automatically be disqualified.** All applications will be evaluated by the committee using weighted scoring in the areas below:

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□ The basis for scoring the application and essay will be a total of 100 points:

APPLICATION PRESENTATION.....10  
Points  
ESSAY SUBJECT MATTER  
.....30 Points  
SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS.....10  
Points  
GRAMMAR (SENTENCE STRUCTURE, SPELLING, AND PUNCTUATION ..... 25 Points  
RECOMMENDATION LETTER .....25  
Points



**SUBMISSION PROCESS:**

- The attached Application must be filled out and submitted to the Subordinate Lodge or Chapter on or **before June 23, 2025**
- The Subordinate Lodge or Chapter must submit Applications to the Grand Master and Grand Worthy Matron for their signatures on or **before July 15, 2025**
- The Grand Master/Grand Worthy Matron will forward Applications to National Chairman on or before **August 1, 2025**. Applications received after this date **will not be accepted**.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOUR TYPED APPLICATION:**

- Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment must be produced, if selected as recipient. Scholarship will go directly to institution to be applied to tuition costs.

- Most recent official high school or college transcript (SEALED) IF NOT SEALED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- Essay: **“What is your opinion of Diversity, equality and inclusion (DEI)?”** 400 -500 words.
- Recommendation Letter.
- This forms is located at [www.mwnationalgrandlodge.com](http://www.mwnationalgrandlodge.com) and can be completed and downloaded online and emailed with attachments to [cshepard1@bellsouth.net](mailto:cshepard1@bellsouth.net).
- If mailed only original applications are to be used; altered or retyped applications forms will not be considered and mailed **to: PNGM Clyde Shepard, 72 Bellasera Way Richmond Hill, GA 31324.**
- The Grand Master and Grand Worthy Matron must review and sign off on each application for completeness.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ or Last Four of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Worthy Matron Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Master Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your educational and professional goals?

List your academic honors, awards, and extracurricular activities in high school:

List your community service activities, hobbies, and outside interests:

### STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

**I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Jefferson D. Tufts Sr. scholarship program. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment upon registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded. Funds will be presented directly to institution.**

**Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTE: The Scholarship Committee will select the recipients. The Committee's decision is final and can only be appealed to the National Grand Master.**