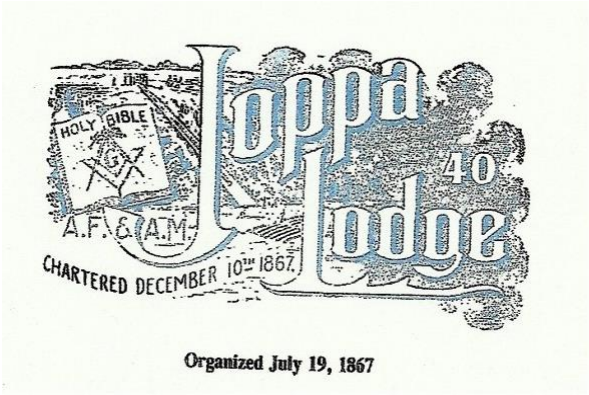

Joppa Lodge No. 40 A.F. & A.M.

THE WILLIAM M. COTTRELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Application for Scholarship

The William M. Cottrell Memorial Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to deserving men and women from the Commonwealth of Virginia. The William M. Cottrell Memorial Scholarship Fund provides funds exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.

Freemasons are committed to high standards of excellence, helping others achieve these standards, and supporting young adults as they strive to improve their station. Part of this commitment is carried out by the Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Committee, appointed by the Worshipful Master of Joppa Lodge No. 40, reviews the applications and awards scholarships up to $1,000.00 per student selected. Scholarship awards are renewable for up to three additional years depending upon the availability of funds and the student's satisfactory academic performance, maintenance of proper character and continuing need. Scholarships are, in part, awarded based on merit. Merit is demonstrated through academic achievement, class rank, standardized test scores, participation in school and/or community activities, as well as by the quality of the application essay.

The deadline for submitting a completed application is April 15. Applications received after April 1 will not be considered. Students are encouraged to submit their applications and supporting documentation as early as possible. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each application and determine applicant (or applicants) to whom an award may be made.

All applications should be accompanied by a copy of the student's high school transcript showing GPA and class rank (if assigned by the student's school), a copy of the student's SAT or other applicable standardized test scores if the applicant believes that such scores benefit their application and a copy of the applicant's college admission letter. Special attention should be paid to the essay portion of the application by everyone inclined to submit a scholarship application. An applicant who is a returning student at an institute of higher education, or student to whom a scholarship was previously awarded, should provide a copy of the student's transcripts showing GPA and class rank along with a statement of the student's intention to return to such college, university, community college or trade school on a full time basis during the term for which the scholarship is sought. Again, such students should also pay special attention to the essay portion of the application.

Information on your application will be reviewed by the members of the lodge Scholarship Committee. If it becomes necessary for the committee to verify information about you during the selection process, your permission will be needed. Your signature on this application will indicate your permission to release all information provided on the application. Your signature on this application also grants permission to publish your name in our periodical if you are awarded a scholarship as a result of this application.

Requirements for renewal of scholarship:

A student who is awarded a scholarship from the William M. Cottrell Memorial Scholarship Fund is welcome to request a renewal of the scholarship for up to three additional years, depending on the availability of funds and the student's satisfactory academic performance, maintenance of proper character and continuing need. A request for the renewal of any scholarship should be guided by the following:

1) Minimum 2.75 GPA is required to be awarded, and to continue receiving, the scholarship;

2) Student must be continuing their enrollment at an institute of higher education on a full-time basis;

3) Scholarships will be made available to trade school students where a "satisfactory" score will be required to be awarded, and continue receiving, the scholarship;

4) Student has maintained high standard of moral character.

Additional Points:

1) Up to two (2) $1,000.00 scholarships may be awarded each year, with renewal scheduled for up to 3 subsequent years;

2) To renew the scholarship, the recipient needs to provide transcripts showing their GPA, and proof that they remain an active student;

3) A recipient becomes disqualified from renewal by failure to meet the GPA requirement or by suffering disciplinary proceedings at the school where they attend for ethical issues or violations of the school's Code of Conduct, up to and including expulsion, suffering criminal conviction(s)(other than minor traffic infractions);

4) All applications and requests for renewals of scholarship awards are to be submitted to the Secretary of Joppa #40 AF & AM Masonic Lodge on or before April 1. The award of any scholarship, or the renewal of any previously awarded scholarship, will up to the sole discretion of the members of Joppa #40 AF & AM and the lodge's Worshipful Master. Recipients are encouraged to join the members of the lodge at its June Stated Communication to be recognized and honored by the lodge. All amounts awarded will be disbursed by the lodge directly to the student's school; no funds will be disbursed directly to the student.

Application for the

The William M. Cottrell Memorial Scholarship

Please type or print

1. Legal Name: _____

2. Date of Birth: _____

3. Applicants' Permanent Address: _____

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4. Applicant's Phone Number (including area code): _____

5. Name, Address, Phone # of Father (if different than Applicant's address)

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   Name, Address, Phone # of Mother (if different than Applicant's address)

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6. High School from which you are graduating: _____
   Date of Graduation: _____

7. Have you ever been placed on probation, suspended, or dismissed from any school?
   Yes _____ No _____ if yes, explain fully on separate sheet

8. List all organizations in which you are a member and any offices held.
   _____
   _____

9. List any Academic/Athletic/Community Service awards and honors you have received.
   _____
   _____

10. Are you currently employed? _____
    Where are you employed? _____
    Job title and responsibilities: _____

11. Where will you attend college? (Attach a copy of your acceptance letter.)
    _____

12. What non-academic interest or activity has been especially meaningful to you? Include your hobbies as well as volunteer positions to which you have offered your time and/or services.

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13. On a separate sheet, write a comprehensive statement expressing your academic and career interests and your proposed field or fields of study. How will these pursuits make you, and your community better? The content, reflectiveness in your response, and completeness of your essay is probably the most weighted portion of this application as it reflects on the sincerity with which this application is being submitted. We expect that all applicants have done well in their academic pursuits thus far in their education. This is your opportunity to tell the scholarship committee what you hope to do with your success.

14. How did you learn about this scholarship program? _____

15. What is your relation to a Master Mason qualifying you for this scholarship? (List Mason's name, Lodge and your relationship to him.)

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I certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____