JOHN A. RIEGEL MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - $300

ELIGIBILITY

Any graduating senior pursuing further education, ministry or mission work. The lodge has chosen to give a scholarship within the Lenox School District and Southwest Valley School District annually.

CRITERIA

The criteria of masonry contemplates principles of integrity and character which can never be repudiated. Example: the three tenets of masonry:

BROTHERLY LOVE – By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high, the low, the rich, the poor, who as created by one Almighty Parent and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support, and protect each other. On this principle Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

RELIEF – To relieve the distressed is a duty of all mankind; but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortune, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view.

TRUTH – Truth is a Divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates, endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

Other virtues of value:

TEMPERANCE – Temperance is that due restraint upon our affections and passions, which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. This virtue should be in constant practice as a person is taught to avoid excess or the contracting of any licentious or vicious habits, the indulgence in which might lead to destruction.

FORTITUDE – Fortitude is that noble and steady purpose of mind, whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient. This virtue is equally distant from harshness and cowardice, and, like the former virtue, should be deeply impressed upon the mind, as a safeguard or security to our souls.

PRUDENCE – Prudence teaches us to regulate our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason, and is that habit by which we wisely judge, and prudently determine, on all things relative to our present, as well as to our future happiness. This virtue should be the particular characteristic of every person for the government of conduct when abroad in the world.

JUSTICE – Justice is that standard, or boundary, of right, which enables us to render to every person just due without distinction. This virtue is not only consistent with divine and human laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society, and as justice in a great measure constitutes the really good person, so should it be the invariable practice of mankind never to deviate from the minutest principles thereof.

It might have pleased the great Creator of heaven and earth, to have made mankind independent of all other beings; but as dependence is one of the strongest bonds of society, mankind were made dependent on one another for protection and security, as they thereby enjoy better opportunities for fulfilling the duties of reciprocal love and friendship. Thus was man formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God; and he or she who will so demean himself or herself as not to be endeavoring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding, may be deemed a useless member of society, and unworthy of protection.

Thus it is the Masonic question to seek such attributes in you in award of this scholarship.

APPLICATION

Please fill out the included form and return to Instruction Lodge. Thank you. Application Deadline is April 1, of each ensuing year.

SELECTION

The recipient of this scholarship will be chosen by the Masonic trustees who oversee this award. Payment of the award will be made after the person completes the first term of service/school and is successfully enrolled for the second.

INSTRUCTION LODGE #275 ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
SEND TO: SECRETARY C/O Randall Olive
1207 GROVE AVENUE
CORNING, IOWA 50841-1144

This form is to be completed and returned to the above address by April 1. Attention: Scholarship Trustees.
Print in ink or type the following::
Name: _____

Address: _____
Telephone Number _____

Parents/Guardians: _____
Address (if different) _____

Expected date of graduation: _____

Service/School where you have applied and/or been accepted: _____
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Intended service area, major or interest: _____
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Do you profess faith in a supreme being? Yes _____ No _____

Please describe your career or general (live) goals. You may not know your particular career yet.

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Why have you chosen this field of work/study/or service: _____

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Please list work experiences: _____

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Please be sure the application is correctly filled out, legible and is submitted by the deadline.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

*If more space is needed feel free to use an attached page or submit your resume.