Triangle Lodge No. 293

**Free and Accepted Masons**

**P. O. Box 357, Triangle, VA 22172**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021**

 Dear Applicant:

You are to be congratulated on taking a positive step toward ensuring a successful future for yourself and your family through empowerment by education. History has proven time and again that education is vital to a person’s career, social well-being, and to society at large.

In acknowledgement of the struggles that many students face in paying for a college education, Triangle Lodge No. 293, Free and Accepted Masons, is offering a limited number of scholarships to qualified applicants, on a competitive basis to **graduating high school seniors and second and subsequent students only in the Commonwealth of Virginia**. It is requested, therefore, that you submit the enclosed application, if you wish to be considered for one of our scholarships.

The criteria for applying for a scholarship are attached. You must complete the application and return it to a committee member, or mail it to the following address by May 21, 2021:

**Triangle Lodge No. 293**

**C/O The Scholarship Committee
5123 Lake Terrapin Dr
Woodbridge, VA 22193**

Please follow the instructions carefully and provide all requested information. Keep in mind that only the best qualified applicants, as determined by the information provided, will be granted scholarships. **Incomplete applications will therefore be returned without action.**

Should you have questions or require assistance with your application, you may contact me at pratherel@yahoo.com.

Again, congratulations on choosing to advance your education. We welcome the opportunity to assist you in achieving your goal.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Earnest L. Prather

Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Encl: (1) Scholarship Application

# (2) Scholarship Reference

# (3) Rules

 (4) Declaration and Acknowledgement

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

 **1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **3. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 **5. Name(s) of high school(s) you have attended:**

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 **Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **\*For continuing education provide the name of your high school and college.**

 **6. Name(s) of college you are currently attending:**

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 **Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **7. List school activities and honors received:**

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 **8. List church and community activities and services in which you are participating or have**

 **participated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **9. List hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **10. Provide an official transcript from your high school (unopened).**

 **11**. **Provide a copy of an acceptance letter from an accredited, post-secondary educational institution, vocational, technical, community or a four-year college.**

 **12. Submit three (2) scholarship references (using attached form) from any combination of the following: Faculty members, church and/or community members. Reproduce forms as needed.**

 **13. What are your plans and goals for the future? Your response must be typed on a separate sheet of paper, in 200 words or less. Please begin with a brief autobiography.**

**Deadline for submission: May 21, 2021. Incomplete applications will be returned without action.**

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 **Signature of Applicant Date Signature of Parent/Guard**

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# **SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE**

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Name of Applicant High School or College Attending**

 **Please mark an “x” in the appropriate box that best expresses your opinion of the applicant.**

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| **Exceptional** | **Very Good** | **Good** | **Fair** | **Poor** | **Not Able To Observe** |

 **1. Conduct [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **2. Dependability/**

 **Reliability [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **3. Industriousness [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **4. Cooperativeness [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **5. Motivation [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **6. Initiative [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **7. Interaction**

 **With Peers [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **8. Interaction with [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **Teachers/Adults**

1. **Academic Class**

**Standing**

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 **10. Interest in Attending**

 **College [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **11. Ability to Pursue**

 **College Work [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

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### SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE (cont’d)

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| **Exceptional** | **Very Good** | **Good** | **Fair** | **Poor** | **Not Able To Observe** |

 **12. Communication**

 **Skills [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **13. Community**

 **Activities [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]**

 **Additional Comments:**

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 **Name (Print or Type) Signature**

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**Relationship to Applicant Telephone Number**

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Date**

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### RULES

Amount of Scholarship. To be determined (minimum of $500.00 for graduating high school seniors and $250 for continuing education students.

 Number of Scholarships. For the academic year *2021-2022* (to be determined).

 Application Deadline; Submission. All completed applications, including required attachments (school transcript(s) and reference letters), must be postmarked to the following address by May 21, 2021:

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Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

. Minimum Requirements. To qualify for consideration, an applicant must:

* Demonstrate Church Involvement or Community Involvement
* Have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 (Certified copy of transcript)
* At least Two (2) Reference Letters
* Acceptance letter from higher level institution of education
* 200 Word Essay (autobiography that includes your goals, etc)
* Continuing Education for Second and Subsequent year students: Required to provide certified copy of college transcripts along with proof of enrollment also.

 Basis for Award. The scholarships will be awarded based upon various factors, including the individual’s scholastic achievement, financial need, involvement in the community, and participation in extracurricular activities, especially church activities.

Interviews. A group of finalists selected from the applicants may be required to attend a personal interview conducted by the Scholarship Committee during the month of May 2021 within the local area. Please make sure you will be available on this date. You will be contacted if required.

Announcement of Recipients. Scholarship award recipients will be informed of their award in May, soon after the interviews. There will also be a formal presentation of the award at a date to be determined, which the recipients will be asked to attend.

Use of Award. Scholarship awards may only be used for tuition and fees charged by the college, university, or other post-high school educational institution. Payment will be made directly to the chosen educational institution of scholarship recipient.

Maximum Awards. The scholarship is not automatically renewed. Although a recipient may reapply, no individual may receive this scholarship more than three times.

Failure to Enroll or Attend. If a scholarship award recipient fails to enroll in the *2021-2022* academic year or drops out, the scholarship award must be returned. The recipient will be obligated to pay back such amounts to the extent practical.

Reservation of Rights. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to revoke any scholarship award (even after the date of award announcement) for misconduct or other reasons in its discretion.

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### DECLARATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please read, sign and date:

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby declare that I am applying for a scholarship provided through Triangle Lodge No. 293 to further my education at an institution of higher learning. I hereby affirm that I have received a copy of rules attached to this application. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules, and I hereby accept and agree to comply with such rules. I further declare that I meet the minimum requirements described in the rules.

I understand that all proceeds from any scholarship which may be awarded will be used exclusively to subsidize the costs of tuition and fees charged by such institution. Further, I understand that this scholarship, if awarded to me, that the award is for one year only; and that I must enroll and remain a student in good standing in order to receive the scholarship. I further understand that if I fail to enroll in the 2021-2022 academic year or if I drop out of school, I will be obligated to pay back the scholarship award to the extent the award has been paid to my school and my school will not provide Triangle Lodge No. 293 with a refund.

I will make every effort to be available on June 1, 2021 for a presentation either in person or virtually if selected as an awardee.

I hereby affirm that all information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE THE APPLICATION, YOUR SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT(S), AND REFERENCE LETTERS WITH THIS.

 DO NOT SEND THEM SEPARATELY.