

# 2020 Elks Lodge #1648 Student Scholarship Competition

## Scholarship, Leadership, and Financial Need

**IMPORTANT:** Before completing, please read and follow guidelines on last page. Application must be filed with Huntsville Lodge #1648. Mail: P.O. Box 352, Huntsville, AL 35804 or Deliver to: 725 Franklin St SE Huntsville, AL 35801-4309 on or before March 20, 2020.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Number  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year City & State or Country  
Are you currently an American Citizen?  Yes  No

If you were not born an American Citizen, but are a Naturalized American Citizen, give date, place (Office or Court) & Naturalization Number.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Court or Office and City & State

If you were not born in the United States, but are a citizen by birth, explain circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application, you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. This information may include a copy of your U.S. or state income tax form. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be disqualified from this contest. You agree to the use of your name, and any information contained within the application **except** for the parental financial analysis and financial statement, for advertising, promotional and publicity purposes without consent or compensation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Student)  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother/Stepmother)  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Father/Stepfather)

### Most Valuable Student Application Checklist (Please arrange items in this order.)

- Completed Application (original, typed or neatly printed)
- Applicant Essay
- Parental Financial Statement
- Official Transcript of Grades and SAT/ACT scores
- Counselor Report in a sealed envelope
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Copies of Exhibits
- Take or mail application to your local Lodge by March 22, 2019

## Employment and Community Service

List jobs you have held over the past three years. Start with the most recent and include baby-sitting and work on a family farm or for a family business, even if not paid. Please list approximate total hours worked, not average hours per week. You will receive 0 points in this section if you do not list your hours as instructed.

Total Hours	Dates of Employment	Kind of Work	Name of Employer
<b>(Grand Total Hours of Employment)</b>			

List volunteer work or community service you performed without pay over the past three years, starting with the most recent. Please list approximate total hours worked, not average hours per week. You will receive 0 points in this section if you do not list your hours as instructed.

Total Hours of Service	Dates of Participation	Kind of Work	Name of Agency or Organization
<b>(Grand Total Hours of Service)</b>			

### 1. Honors and Awards

Include scholastic, extracurricular and civic honors and awards during grades 9 through 12. State nature of award and grade won: i.e. Girl Scout Gold Award, 12. **Please do not abbreviate names of awards**, as we may not be likely to understand their meanings. Include a brief description of each award on a separate sheet of paper. Feel free to explain, in 25 words or less, the purpose of the award and why you received it.

1. _____	11. _____
2. _____	12. _____
3. _____	13. _____
4. _____	14. _____
5. _____	15. _____
6. _____	16. _____
7. _____	17. _____
8. _____	18. _____
9. _____	19. _____
10. _____	20. _____

### 2. Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

List leadership roles and extracurricular activities, starting with the most recent. Following the example, state name of organization, years involved, hours per week commitment, leadership role, the year of that role and responsibilities held in that role. If no leadership role applies, state the organization name, years involved and hours per week commitment only. You may include a separate sheet of paper that is structured exactly like the table in this section if extra space is needed.

<b>Example: Organization Name</b> Student Council	<b>Years</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12	<b>Hours/week</b> 2
<b>Leadership Role (year)</b> Representative (11) President (12)		<b>Responsibilities</b> Led fundraiser for homeless shelter Organized 5K run to benefit AIDS research

1. Organization Name	Years <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	Hours/week
Leadership Role (year)		Responsibilities
2. Organization Name	Years <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	Hours/week
Leadership Role (year)		Responsibilities
3. Organization Name	Years <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	Hours/week
Leadership Role (year)		Responsibilities
4. Organization Name	Years <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	Hours/week
Leadership Role (year)		Responsibilities
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Leadership Role (year)		Responsibilities
7. Organization Name	Years <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	Hours/week
Leadership Role (year)		Responsibilities
8. Organization Name	Years <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	Hours/week
Leadership Role (year)		Responsibilities

### 3. Your College Plans

State your plans for enrollment in an accredited American college or university. Include your planned major.

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Do you intend to apply for additional financial aid at the college you plan to attend?  Yes  No

If yes, give details: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your college plans change if you win one of the top three awards?  Yes  No

If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Applicant Essay

You must prepare an essay of 500 words or less about the following topic: Imagine you have the opportunity to meet with one great secular leader from the past. Describe your meeting and the issues you would discuss with that person. **The essay must be dated and signed.**

5. **Exhibits** Attach copies of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, or other activities.

## 6. Parental Financial Analysis

Provide information from the most recent federal income tax return of the parent(s) who claimed the applicant as a dependent. Do not provide the applicant's personal tax information.

### Financial Information

Household Adjusted Gross Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in the Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dependents Attending College in Fall 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you have extenuating financial circumstances, please explain in 200 words or less on an attached sheet of paper. \*

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## Counselor Report

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**Applicant:** Complete the top portion of this page and give it to your counselor or appropriate school official. This section can be completed by your counselor before you are finished with the application.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

1. **Counselor:** Please include a copy of your school profile and answer the following questions, even if the information is included in the profile. If your school has a policy of not ranking students, provide information to help us identify promising applicants.  
**\*The BPO Elks will not return this form to the student.**

This applicant's grade point average (A=4.0) \_\_\_\_\_ The highest GPA in the graduating class \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the GPA based on weighted grades?  Yes  No

Class rank: The applicant ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_. How many students have this rank? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many rank above? \_\_\_\_\_ Is the rank based on weighted grades?  Yes  No  
If exact rank is not available, indicate rank to the nearest 10<sup>th</sup> from the top: \_\_\_\_\_

Are honors courses available in all academic subjects?  Yes  No  
If no, in which subjects are they offered? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are Advanced Placement courses available in all academic subjects?  Yes  No  
If no, in which subjects are Advanced Placement courses available? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What symbols are used on the transcript to designate honors or Advanced Placement courses?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How is your school's academic schedule based?  Semester  Quarter  Block  Other \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe this applicant's academic program compared with that of other students applying for scholarships?  
 Below Average  Average  Above Average  Rigorous  Most Rigorous

Is there a community service requirement to graduate?  Yes  No If yes, how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever been suspended or dismissed from your school?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain the circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. **Please secure the following items in a sealed envelope and give to the student to include in his or her application brochure:**

- This Completed Counselor Report Form
- School Profile (if available)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

School email \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time acquainted with applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Application Guidelines

You must use the official 2020 application. It must be dated and signed by you, your parent(s) or guardian. Typewritten applications are preferred; however, neatly printed applications are acceptable. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English or English translations.

## Completed Application

Your application must be in a Mead (or similar brand) paper folder with inside pockets and clasps. Three-hole punch your application and secure it in the clasps. Elaborate bindings, clear plastic, and bulky coverings are discouraged.

The completed brochure should include the application and up to 20 pages of supplemental materials (essay, parental financial statement, transcript, test scores, school report, letters of recommendation, exhibits, etc.)

## Employment and Community Service

List jobs held and community service performed over the past three years. Please list approximate total hours worked, not average hours per week. You will receive 0 points in this section if you do not list your hours as instructed.

## Honors and Awards

The following is a list to assist in completion of the Honors and Awards section, page 2. Include awards such as Eagle Scout; Gold Award; Teen of the Year; Statewide or National Conferences (ex: Boy's/Girl's State, HOBY); National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar; major athletic award; and major academic award. This list is not inclusive.

## Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

List leadership roles and extracurricular activities over the past three years. If involved in an extracurricular activity with no leadership role, include the activity, the number of years involved in it, and the hours per week commitment.

Activity sheets are acceptable replacements for the Employment and Community Service, Honors and Awards, and Leadership and Extracurricular Activities sections, but must be structured identically to the application.

## Your College Plans

Inform us of your enrollment plans and whether you will apply for additional financial aid.

## Applicant Essay

Prepare an essay of 500 words or less about the following topic: Imagine you have the opportunity to meet with one great secular leader from the past. Describe your meeting and the issues you would discuss with that person. The essay must be dated and signed.

## Exhibits

Attach copies of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service or other activities.

## Parental Financial Analysis

Have parent(s) fill out this financial analysis.

## Parental Financial Statement

Your parent(s) or guardian must prepare a statement of 200 words or less summarizing the family's obligations and resources. The statement needs to illustrate your need for financial assistance and the inability to meet these needs. The statement must be signed and dated. **Note:** Statement may exceed 200 words if parent has been asked to explain extenuating circumstances regarding non-custodial parent (see note under Custodial Parent) or if there are extenuating medical circumstances.

## Counselor Report

This report must be completed by your high school guidance counselor or appropriate school official. The report form and school profile (if available) should be secured in a sealed envelope and included in the application brochure.

## Transcript and SAT/ACT Scores

Include official, complete, current high school transcript of student grades. The transcript must include 7<sup>th</sup> semester classes. It does not need to include 7<sup>th</sup> semester grades. SAT or ACT test scores must be included, but may be photocopies. Use one set of ACT scores only, and/or up to two sets of SAT scores.

Transcript may be a photocopy that bears the original signature of the proper school authority. It is not necessary to send a separate sheet of test scores if they are included on your transcript. However, if the school provides a sealed transcript, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the scores are listed on the transcript.