

Applicant's Name _____

Number _____ to be completed by scholarship committee

Reviewer _____ to be completed by scholarship committee

Cary Lodge No. 198 Scholarship

This application must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2016

To the Applicant:

Before completing this application, read the informational page 4 which specifies the criteria for both eligibility and selection. Since the members of the Masonic Scholarship Committee have not met you and have only this application by which to evaluate you, carefully consider the content and completeness of your responses to the information being sought. Additional pages of narrative or supporting documentation may be added to any section. This can include news articles, photos, and letters of recommendation from people within your school and/or community, and other materials which will give the Committee a better insight about you, your school and your community activities. You are encouraged to submit materials that you do not expect to be returned. Any materials you would like returned must be identified and accompanied with a self-address, stamped envelope.

A pen must be used to complete this application. Be certain that your handwriting is legible.

All applications and correspondence should be sent by regular mail to the following address:

**Cary Lodge No. 198
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 8
Cary, North Carolina 27512**

1. Identification Data (Print or type)

Applicant's Name: _____ (First Middle Last)

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Applicant's Address: (include Street or PO Box, City and Nine-Digit Zip)

Applicant's High School: _____

School Address:

Graduation Date: _____ (Month / Year)

2. Academic Record:

Grade Point Average / SAT: _____ / _____

Date when above information was compiled _____ (Month / Year)

Attach (or forward under separate cover) a current, certified transcript of your credits by **March 1, 2016**. If this information is **not postmarked** by this date, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

3. Personal Essay:

Describe your chosen field of study and your motivation for pursuing that course of study. Write about your future educational and vocational plans in a way which will give the Committee the best picture of you as an individual (one paragraph minimum, one page maximum).

NOTE: Signature Required!

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please attach as many pages as needed to complete the following:

4. Educational Plans:

Which trade school, 2 or 4 year institution are you planning to attend?

What course of study are you planning to take? _____

5. School Activities:

List those high school activities in which you have participated. After each activity indicate the grade(s) in which you participated by using the numbers 9, 10, 11, 12. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in school activities.

6. Community Service:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community in particular. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

7. Character Reference:

Please have a School Official (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, or Counselor) provide a letter of recommendation on official school stationery. Be certain that the title of the school official is included and that the letter is signed. The letter may be attached to this application or forwarded to the Committee under separate cover postmarked no later than **June 5, 2015**.

8. Masonic Connection:

Is anyone in your family a member of a Masonic organization?

If so, please provide membership information.

Cary Lodge No. 198 Scholarship

The Cary Lodge No. 198, A.F. & A.M., located at 1142 SE Maynard Road, Cary, is pleased to offer Scholarships to graduating Town of Cary residents. The scholarship will be awarded to high school seniors who plan to enroll in a trade school, 2 or 4 year accredited institution. The scholarship may be used for any bona fide school related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and tools. Cary Lodge No. 198 only pays educational institutions.

Applicants are required to complete this comprehensive written application and may be requested to appear before the Scholarship Committee (with parent or guardian) for a personal interview. Applicants need not have a Masonic connection. Students whom are sponsored by Masons are also eligible to apply.

A broad-based criteria is used in the selection process. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance are carefully considered. The organization, appearance, and completeness of the application are also factors considered by the selection committee.

Public high school seniors, who feel that they meet the criteria for eligibility and selection, are invited to submit applications. These applications may be obtained through the guidance department of any Cary public high school. All material must be **postmarked no later than March 1, 2016 for the application to be considered** by the committee.

Questions regarding applications and the scholarship program as well as completed applications should be sent by regular mail to the following address:

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Cary, North Carolina 27512**

Cary Lodge No. 198 website;
www.carylodge198.org

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has the Charles Edward Cathey Masonic Scholarships (normally, eight \$1000 scholarships are given per academic year); www.grandlodge-nc.org/masons-in-the-community-grand-lodge-scholarship