



Abbott and Valley Scholarships For Undergraduate Studies

Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the Scholarship Program provides financial support for the continuing undergraduate education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$15 million has been awarded to students from each state of the Northern Jurisdiction.

Eligibility: The following criteria are used to determine the eligibility of applicants for both programs for the Valley of Pittsburgh:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Pittsburgh.
- A child of a Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Pittsburgh or a child who is a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Valley of Pittsburgh who is:
 - A high school senior or currently enrolled freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at an accredited college or university, who has attained a minimum grade average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. (Freshman scholarships will be distributed after an acceptable GPA is submitted following the first semester.)
 - A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school offering a Certificate or Associate Degree. Also, students entering second year of a trade school are eligible to apply.

Eligibility for the VALLEY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOLARSHIPS can include the following criteria:

- A grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Pittsburgh
- A graduate of one of the 32nd degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children of the Valley of Pittsburgh

Applicants should complete and print the form, and mail it to the Valley of Pittsburgh Secretary. Applicants should submit their application to the Valley providing for their eligibility. For instance, if your father or grandfather is providing eligibility, then you would submit the application to his Valley.

Valley of Pittsburgh submission deadline is April 3rd



APPLICATION FOR ABBOTT SCOTTISH RITE SCHOLARSHIP AID

Application is to be personally completed by applicant, submit 2 (two) copies and received by April 3rd (no exceptions - no faxes). **Send to Donald M. Murphy, Secretary, Valley of Pittsburgh, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.** Any application received after April 3rd cannot be considered for the ensuing academic year.

(Please type or print)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Street Address _____ Telephone (with area code): _____

Home City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

1. Father's name: _____ Occupation: _____

2a. Mother's name: _____ Occupation: _____

2b. Mother's or Father's name and address (if different from above): _____

3a. Is your father a Master Mason (Yes or No)? _____

3b. Is your father a Scottish Rite Mason (Yes or No)? _____

If Yes, Valley _____ Member No: _____

3c. Is your grandfather a Master Mason (Yes or No)? _____

3d. Is your grandfather a Scottish Rite Mason (Yes or No)? _____

If Yes, Valley Name _____ Member No: _____

3e. Indicate grandfather's name: _____

4a. Are you a graduate of the 32^o Masonic Learning Center: (Y?N)? _____ Director's Name: _____

4b. To what youth organizations affiliated with Freemasonry do (have) you belong(ed)? (Rainbow, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, etc.) _____

4c. To what other non-school related groups do you belong? _____

4d. State briefly your extracurricular school-related interests and activities: _____

5a. Name of accredited school to be attended: _____

5b. Address of School: _____

5c. Major: _____

6. Which year will you be entering? (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) _____

7. Current GPA _____

8. Adjusted Gross Family Income as reported to IRS for previous year: _____

9a. Provide an estimate of your yearly financial needs: 9b. Present sources of income for school:

Tuition: \$ _____ Job: \$ _____

Room & Board: \$ _____ Loans: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____ Scholarships: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____ Grants: \$ _____

Other Revenues: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

10a. For what career are you planning? _____

10b. If undecided, indicate possible choices: _____

11a. How many children are there in your family? _____

11b. Ages: _____ 11c. How many attend College: _____

12. Additional information you wish to have considered? _____

13. Previous Abbott Scholarship recipient (*years*) _____, or New Applicant (*yes/no*) _____

Please submit the following documentation with the applications (in duplicate):

- **Most current copy of high school or college transcript**
- **At least one confidential letter of recommendation from an instructor, counselor or advisor**
- **Most current copy of FAFSA form**

Please include a brief statement describing your current educational goals and their relationship to your career plans:

I believe the foregoing statements to be accurate. I hereby pledge any Abbott Scholarship monies awarded to me will be strictly for college expenses such as tuition, supplies and room and board.

Date: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship aid is a gift, not a loan, and can be based on academic achievement, participation in worthwhile activities, financial need, and self-help. Checks will be issued by August 1st to successful applicants drawn payable to the student recipient.

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Approved by the Valley Committee (name & date)

Approved by the State Committee (name and date) _____

Approved by the Deputy (name and date) _____

Amount granted: _____

Payable to: _____

Check to be sent to (select one): Deputy: or Valley Secretary: