



Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Order of the Eastern Star



February 1, 2023

Dear Financial Services,

This year I have the pleasure of serving as the Chairperson of Van Atta Endowed ESTARL Scholarship for our Worthy Grand Matron, Pamala Chesser and our Worthy Grand Patron, Arlan Smith. The Oklahoma Grand Chapter has established this scholarship program to assist individuals who have been called to serve, and are obtaining a higher education in order to pursue a career in the many fields of ministry. To be able to assist in fulfilling this goal is indeed a great honor.

I am enclosing a copy of the application, informational letter and form to be completed by the applicant. I am asking for your assistance in identifying candidates for this scholarship. If you identify someone, insure they have an application and forward their name to one of the committee members. Please make additional copies as necessary. The application is also available on line at <http://www.okoes.org/PDF/VanAttaScholar.pdf> or by contacting the Grand Chapter office at 405-282-1142. The **deadline for application to be submitted to the committee chairperson is July 1, 2023.**

Respectfully,

Virginia Stone

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Encl: Scholarship Application

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VAN ATTA ENDOWED ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR AWARD

The Van Atta Endowed ESTARL Scholarship was established by the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Order of the Eastern Star as a result of a generous charitable distribution from the Lawrence E. Van Atta Trust. This gift was intended to provide a perpetual endowment scholarship fund for the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership. It was the dream and intent of Brother Van Atta that Oklahoma Grand Chapter use the income generated annually from this specific charitable gift to provide annual scholarships to applicants who shall meet, at a minimum, specific requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE THE VAN ATTA ENDOWED ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The individual applicant must believe in God: additionally, the individual applicant must be an active participant in mainline Christian faith. Further, the individual applicant must believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior of our World.
2. The individual applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of two (2) years of college with a principal study focus in religious leadership.
3. The individual applicant shall, upon successful completion of their religious and academic studies, commit to Christ as a Religious Minister, Missionary, Music Minister or a Youth Minister.
4. The individual applicant's application shall include a certified transcript of their high school and college academics record.
5. The individual applicant must be an individual who was born in Oklahoma and shall have resided within the State of Oklahoma for at least eight (8) years.
6. The individual applicant's application shall include four (4) letters from the following:
 - (a) Their Church Minister as to their participation in their Church community.
 - (b) A college professor whose class they have successfully completed.
 - (c) A parent, if living, or a close relative or individual who has known them for at least ten (10) years who can speak to the nature of their character and integrity.
 - (d) A creditor or lender who can state that the applicant is in need of a scholarship in order to meet their academic financial tuition requirement.

If all of the above Qualifications are met, please continue application.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name (First, MI, Last): _____

2. Current Address: _____

Street Number City State Zip Code

3. Permanent Address _____

Street Number City State Zip Code

4. Permanent Telephone number including area code _____

5. Email address: _____

6. Please provide the inclusive dates which you have been a resident of Oklahoma. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

From: _____ To: _____ Address: _____

Street Number City State

From: _____ To: _____ Address: _____

Street Number City State

From: _____ To: _____ Address: _____

Street Number City State

7. Date of Birth: _____ Year _____ Month _____ Day

8. Place of Birth _____

9. I have attended the following College, University, and/or Divinity Schools
(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name of School: _____ Location _____

Inclusive dates of attendance: From: _____ To: _____

Address of School _____

Denomination of School (If any) _____

Name of School: _____ Location _____

Inclusive dates of attendance: From: _____ To: _____

Address of School _____

Denomination of School (If any) _____

10. I am a member of _____ Church, located at _____

11. Check the field of religious service you will enter: Ministry_____, Missionary_____,
Director of Religious Education_____, Director of Youth Leadership_____
Other_____ (Please Explain) _____

12. Do you plan to make this your life work? _____

13. Give name and address of school in which you will enroll in September.

Name_____

Address_____

Outline the financial assistance you believe you will require this year: _____

Are you now or have you ever been the recipient of a Van Atta Endowed ESTARL award?

Yes _____ No _____

14. Have you been or are you the recipient of any other scholarship or award?

If so from whom and in what amounts _____

15. Do you have any Masonic or Eastern Star affiliation? _____

(Not required to be eligible for award)

16. Attach a certified transcript of your high school and college academic records.

17. Attach letters from:

(a) Your church minister as to your participation in your church community.

(b) A college professor whose class you have successfully completed.

(c) A parent, if living, or a close relative or individual who has known you for at least ten (10) years who can speak to the nature of your character and integrity.

(d) A creditor or lender who can state that you are in need of a scholarship in order to meet your academic financial tuition requirements. (Must provide all four letters)

ALSO COMPLETE THE PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET AND INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION.

IMPORTANT

All Applications, Personal Information, Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation, etc. as outlined in above application, are to be directed to the Van Atta ESTARL Scholarship Chairman and postmarked on or before **July 1, 2023**. In the event you are a recipient of the scholarship we must receive a signed Agreement and Authorization to Release Academic Records, prior to distribution of the funds.

Virginia Stone, PG Organist, Chairman

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Phone: (918) 577-7669 Email: vrockstone@gmail.com

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature

PERSONAL INFORMATION

To be attached to the Van Atta Endowed ESTARL Scholarship Application:

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Your Marital Status: Married _____ Single _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____ Separated _____
Name of Wife or Husband (Include Wife's Maiden Name) _____
Number of Children _____
Name _____ Age _____ Address _____
Name _____ Age _____ Address _____
Name _____ Age _____ Address _____

Financial Information:

Anticipated income from your part time work. \$ _____ Source: _____
Contributions from family or others \$ _____
Scholarships or Fellowships received or anticipated:
Source: _____
Spouse's Income \$ _____ Source: _____
Total Indebtedness \$ _____ Names of debtors and amounts _____
Affiliations: (Organizations or groups): _____

FOR USE BY THE COMMITTEE:

1. Scholarship granted in the amount of \$ _____
2. Special consideration, if any _____
3. Scholarship not granted for the following reasons:
 - a. Lack of adequate and available scholarship funds. _____
 - b. Student's need for scholarship not effectively established. _____
 - c. Applicant did not meet all of the required rules of application. _____
 - d. Other reasons (specify) _____

_____ Date: _____
Chair of Van Atta ESTARL Committee