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To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

This letter is to inform you about the NETTIE RANSFORD SCHOLARSHIP. We need you to spread the word!

This Scholarship was established by Indiana Grand Chapter in 1984 in honor of Sister Nettie Ransford, Past Grand Matron of Indiana. She had two daughters with special needs that died as young girls. She turned her loss into a goal to train people to assist those with disabilities, and their families. In order that they would enjoy a better, more productive life. Indiana Eastern Star has Scholarship money in a fund that gives financial aid to those students enrolled in and pursuing degrees in the field of Special Education.

The cost of higher education continues to increase. This is one-way Eastern Star can continue to assist those planning to work, not just in education, but to receive the more specific training needed in the field of Special Education. Each year this Committee seeks applications from students who meet the eligibility requirements of this scholarship. It is available to Sophomore and Junior students applying for their Junior and Senior years of college enrolled in Special Education Programs and the application requires proof of their desire and intent to work in this field.

Our NETTIE RANSFORD SCHOLARSHIP is funded by interest earned and donations received each year from chapters and members. We are a generous organization, and the Committee would like to support those individuals in this field of study needing financial assistance to meet their career goals. We ask your assistance in letting people know we have these scholarships available.

Applications must be received by April 6, 2024, for the school year beginning in the fall of 2024. Please contact me for applications, to answer any questions or to give any other assistance.

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We ask you, our members, to please share information about this scholarship with qualified college students seeking a career working with special needs children.

Fraternally,

Cindy Cohee

Cindy Cohee, PGM/Chair
Catherine Randles, PGM

Applications can also be found on the Indiana Grand Chapter website: www.indianaoes.org/documents

NETTIE RANSFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2023-2024

This scholarship is given in honor of Nettie Ransford, who was one of the founders of the Order of the Eastern Star in Indiana. She was a pioneer in many Indiana and world-wide projects. This \$1000 scholarship is funded by donations from members and chapters throughout the State and is available each year to a qualifying THIRD or FOURTH year student pursuing a degree in Special Education for working with handicapped children.

Applicant name _____
 (last) (first) (middle)

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth _____

Permanent or
Home Address _____
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

Home phone () _____ Cell phone () _____

Email _____

Name of School _____

Address of School _____
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

Year of school: 3rd _____ 4th _____ (check one) Planned date of graduation _____

Other financial
aid being received _____

Please include the following supplemental material:

1. A one or two page summary of your educational plans and goals.
2. Information about your background, family, financial need, and why you want to be considered for this award.
3. Two letters of recommendation from a Dean and/or other faculty member(s). These can be sent to me by the writer or by you.
4. A current transcript of all college courses through the fall of 2023.
5. A recent photograph of yourself.

DEADLINE: All of the above information must be received by me by **APRIL 6, 2024.**

SEND TO: Cindy Cohee, PGM
2109 Elizaville Road
Lebanon, IN 46052
Cynthia.Cohee@Linde.com

Applicant signature

November 27, 2023

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters,
Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Through the World of Youth Scholarship Program, our Indiana Grand Chapter awards scholarships on an annual basis to students seeking a higher education. Our aim is to assist the members of our Youth Groups and our Eastern Star members achieve their goals. Please help us spread the word that this scholarship program is available and that it is now time to submit applications.

The World of Youth Scholarship Awards Committee appreciates your encouragement and thanks you for your support of this program and our Fraternal Youth Organizations.

The Scholarship guidelines and application form are available on the Indiana Grand Chapter website at www.indianaoes.org/documents where they can be downloaded by our members or an applicant.

The completed Scholarship Application and all required information **MUST** be mailed to the following address and received by **APRIL 25, 2024.**

Robert Surber
5216 N. 1150 E.
Van Buren, IN 46991

For any questions regarding the Scholarship process or if you are unable to download the forms, please contact me via email at: pgpin13@aol.com or (765) 243-1209.

The committee will meet in early May 2024 to review all applications and select recipients. After the selection process is complete the applicants will be notified by mail and the recipients will be presented and recognized at our Grand Chapter Session in June 2024 at the Horizon Center in Muncie, Indiana.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

Robert Surber, PGP - Chairman
Elizabeth Lashley, PGM
Cindy Cohee, PGM
Cheryl Tichener
Judy Hartman

OUR WORLD OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: To encourage and promote academic scholarship(s) for the young women and young men in our Fraternal Youth Organizations as well as the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Indiana.

PROGRAM PROCESS: Applications must be submitted before the deadline as determined by the Awards Committee. The Scholarship Awards Committee will then meet to decide eligibility of the applicants and the amount of the awards based on funds available. **Those selected for a scholarship award will be notified by mail to their address shown on the application.** They will be presented and introduced at the Grand Chapter Session held in June 2024.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be a resident of Indiana, be a member in good standing and not have reached the age of majority in any of the following:

- * An Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
- * A Bethel of the International Order of Job's Daughters
- * A Chapter of DeMolay International
- * A Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star

REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Applicant must attend a school of higher learning such as a college, university, trade school, etc.
2. Submit a high school transcript (and college transcript if already in college) of grades.
3. Submit a list of extra-curricular activities.
4. Submit a list of awards and scholarships received.
5. Submit a list of community service performed and work experience.
6. Submit one letter of recommendation from a youth group counselor or Eastern Star Worthy Matron.
7. **TYPE OF AID:** Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis unless funds permit otherwise. Repeat scholarships will be awarded only after all first-time applicants have been considered.

DEADLINE: April 25, 2024. Applications **MUST** be received by this date. (Recipients will be notified by mail in May and announced at Indiana Grand Chapter Session in June).

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Robert Surber
5216 N 1150 E
Van Buren, IN 46991

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Cell Phone – 765-243-1209
email: pgpin13@aol.com

APPLICATION
World of Youth Scholarship Program (2024)

PLEASE REFER TO THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES DURING PREPARATION!

Mail completed application and all attachments to the Scholarship Awards Committee Chairman:
Robert Surber, PGP
5216 N 1150 E
Van Buren, IN 35991

Applicant Name _____
(Print) (Last) (First) (Middle)

Permanent Mailing Address:

Date of Birth: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Entering Grand Level _____ Institution to be attended _____

Location _____

Member in good standing and not having reached the age of majority of: (Please put an X in the appropriate space)

Raianbow for Girls Assembly _____ Job's Daughter's Bethel _____ Demolay Chapter _____
Or a member in good standing in the Order of the Eastern Star in Indiana _____

Name/Number/Location of Organization _____

Office Held/Title (if applicable) _____

Have you received this scholarship award previously? Yes _____ No _____ (must check one)

Checklist for Attachments:

- _____ 1. High School transcript
- _____ 2. College Transcript (if applicable)
- _____ 3. List of extra-curricular activities
- _____ 4. List of awards and scholarships received
- _____ 5. List of community service and work experience
- _____ 6. Sighed letter of Recommendation (Mother Advisor, Bethel Guardian, Chapter Dad, Worthy Matron)
- _____ 7. One-page summary of your present and future study plans.

SIGNATURES:

Applicant: _____ Parent/Guardian _____

NOTE: APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 25, 2024