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Dear Applicant,

It is with great pleasure that I enclose the Freemasons of Western Australia Education Grant form for 2010.

Grants are awarded to students to assist in achieving qualifications at recognised institutions. High school and post-secondary students (eg undergraduates, TAFE, college) must be undertaking full-time study. However, post-graduate students may be studying full or part-time.

To be eligible for financial assistance, all applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **be of good character;**
- **be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, studying at a university or other approved training institution in Western Australian (eg a college, TAFE);**
- **living in Western Australia; and**
- **sponsored by a current WA Freemason**

If a student does not know a Freemason, staff at Grand Lodge will happily put them in contact with someone in their local area. Everyone is encouraged to apply, and there is no discrimination between applicants who do or do not have a Masonic connection.

An award may be applied for annually. Each year the new application will be assessed independently of any previous years' submissions. Applicants will need to exhibit satisfactory academic progress and a need for financial assistance (necessitous circumstances).

The procedure for applications is found on the reverse of this letter. Please also ensure you have attached all relevant documentation and signed the privacy statement as clearly outlined on page 2 of the application form.

An application can not be approved unless the required documents are submitted with the form, prior to the closing date of **Friday, 19th February 2010 by your Freemason Sponsor.**

Should you have any further queries, or require a Freemason Sponsor, please do not hesitate to contact Brooke at the Grand Lodge office on 9355 3599.

Yours sincerely,

*T J Arbuckle*

Dr Trevor Arbuckle  
Chairman, Education Grant Committee

# 2010

## Student's Notes

### Procedure:

1. The Education Grant Application **Form is filled in by the applicant.**

It is the **student's responsibility** to: complete the form, sign & initial where indicated, write a letter of introduction, provide two original & signed character references (not emails), attach copies of academic qualifications & awards, provide proof of enrolment (as per description in form), provide a statement as to why they should be considered, etc.

2. Once you have fulfilled the above criteria, you are now ready to **meet with your Freemason Sponsor**. If you do not know any Freemasons, please contact Brooke at Grand Lodge on 9355 3599, and she will find a Freemason in your local area to meet with you and sponsor your application.

This meeting would likely be between December & February after you have been accepted into your educational institution and completed our form. A meeting place is to be agreed upon between yourself and your Sponsor. Most times this is at the student's home. Family members or friends are welcome to be present.

The meeting should be quite informal. Your Sponsor will go through the application form, and will chat informally about your chosen course of study, motivation, family situation, and how you intend to support yourself through school.

3. **When the meeting has finished, your Sponsor will take the completed form & supporting documentation. This will not be returned to you.**
4. The Sponsor will then complete the **To be completed by your Freemason Sponsor** section at the back of your application form.
5. Once he has completed this section, your Sponsor will forward it to Grand Lodge.
6. The Education Grants Committee meets one week after the cut off date (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010). Once they have assessed all the forms, applicants will be sent a letter notifying whether they have been successful.
7. Successful applicants will be invited to attend a Cheque Presentation Ceremony held on Sunday, 28 March 2010. Parents and Sponsors are also invited to attend. If students are unable to attend, the cheque will be posted to them.

### Please Note:

- The instruction on the first page under *Submission Procedure* states that it is the student's responsibility to make sure there is ample time for the process to occur.
- Applications are open to everyone: Freemason's family, friends and general public, without discrimination.