

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As spring draws near and we watch in awe as the earth comes alive again, we should thank God for all he has provided for us. Every day we should be grateful for this beautiful world and all we have been blessed with. We should also be thankful for those who have received the call to minister and teach others the wonderful religious lessons that form the basis of our order. Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership was started to give financial assistance to those who seek to further their education to answer this call.

The ESTARL Award is given to candidates who are seeking to continue their education in the religious field, either as a minister, lay person, director of church music, director of youth leadership, director of religious education or any other study related to religion. Remember, ESTARL recipients do not need to have Eastern Star or other Masonic relationships.

If anyone knows a minister or youth group leader who seeks to further their studies, please give them an application. This is a wonderful way to spread the word about all the good Eastern Star does in the community.

Several years ago, each Chapter of Eastern Star in NH was given a plastic canvas church bank to use for donations to this project. In many chapters this church is passed around at each meeting and at other chapters it is placed next to the registration book, so when people sign in they may contribute to this fund. The members of the ESTARL committee are asking that each chapter make a concerted effort to use your church bank in whatever way you see fit to increase donations. This is the only way that Grand Chapter can continue to provide scholarships to worthy recipients.

The deadline for the applications is June 1, 2016. Please have all applicants complete the enclosed form and send to Sarah Wakefield, ESTARL Committee chairman, 39 Charles St. Franklin, NH 03235 by that date.

We thank you for your continued support.

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This letter has the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron

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