

Sisters and Brothers,

As we head into winter, we await the beauty of the hillsides covered with snow and the joy it brings the snowmobilers and skiers. Some of our chapters are closed during the winter and the rest stay open to do their work throughout the winter. Every day we should be thankful for this beautiful world and all we have been blessed with. We should also be grateful for those who have received the call to minister and teach others the wonderful religious lessons that form the basis of our order. The 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, and a 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 Fraternal relations.

If anyone knows of 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. Hopefully, in every Chapter, this Church is passed at each meeting so that everyone may contribute to this fund.

The members of the ESTARL committee are asking that each Chapter make an 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 applications is June 1, 2020. Please have all applicants complete the enclosed form and send it to Carrie Way, ESTARL Committee Chairman, 100 Edencroft Road, Littleton, NH 03561 by June 1, 2020.

We thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally,

Carrie S. Way, Lorraine and David Thompson

This letter has the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron