

**Dodge-Powell Scholarship Committee
Grand Chapter of Virginia
Order of the Eastern Star
Scholarship
School Year 2026-2027**

Scholarships awarded through the Dodge-Powell Scholarship Fund for the 2026-2027 academic year will depend on the available amount in the Scholarship Fund. The recipient will be notified by mail and the check sent to the college of her/his choice.

Those eligible to receive the scholarships must be: Eastern Star members; or sons, daughters or grandchildren of members who are in good standing (or were at the time of their death) of the Order of the Eastern Star in Virginia; or members in good standing in Virginia of the Job's Daughters International, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, or DeMolay International. There will be no discrimination as to race, color or creed.

Applicants shall be graduating seniors from high school or shall be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning. The applicant must be a full-time student.

No award shall be made to an applicant who has attained the age of 23 years by the application deadline, or for studies beyond a Bachelor's Degree.

The Scholarship award shall be a gift to the recipient provided she/he completes the year of study. Official transcripts of the year of study must be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee Chairman. If she/he withdraws from school during the year, for any reason other than continued illness resulting in her/his inability to attend, the scholarship award will then be considered a loan and must be repaid to The Grand Chapter of Virginia, OES, within two years from the date her/his study terminates. A statement of withdrawal for any reason must be forwarded to the Scholarship Chairman.

Awarding of the Scholarship will be judged based on:

- a. GPA
- b. Essay
- c. Scholastic achievements
- d. Extracurricular activities in school and community

Information and applications can be requested from:

Michael Johnstone, Chairman, Dodge-Powell Scholarship Committee

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OR download the forms from the website: easternstar-virginia.org (General Information/Forms/Dodge-Powell Scholarship)

**Dodge-Powell Scholarship Committee
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Instructions for Applicants
Academic Year 2026-2027**

1. Applicants must make an application on the application form provided by the Scholarship Committee. It must be completed **IN FULL** or the application will not be processed. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)
2. The applicant must be one of the following:
 - a. A member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia, or the son, daughter, grandchild or great grandchild of a member. Member must be in good standing of the Chapter or if deceased was in good standing at the time of her or his death. **A letter from the Secretary of the OES Chapter must be submitted attesting to the applicant's eligibility to apply (Verification of Membership Order of the Eastern Star form attached).**
 - b. A member, in Virginia, of the Job's Daughters International, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, or DeMolay International. A letter of verification of membership in good standing must be submitted from her/his Counselor Advisors (Verification of Membership form attached). **The applicant must be a resident of Virginia.**
3. The following documents are **required** to process the application.
 - a. Official transcripts of high school grades, including the 7th semester GPA **(High School students only)**.
 - b. Official (or unofficial) transcripts of college grades **(College students only)**.
 - c. Letter of recommendation from one instructor or official of your current school. This must be a current, dated, and signed letter.
 - d. Letter of personal recommendation from one person other than family (neighbor, Sunday School teacher, coach, etc.). This must be a current, dated, and signed letter.
 - e. Personal essay: What's something you learned in school in which you quickly found passion, and how might you apply it to your future career? It must be in your own words and be at least 250 words in length (single sided), double spaced, 12-point font.
4. TO QUALIFY: THE APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED (**EMAIL PREFERRED**) NO LATER THAN **APRIL 15, 2026**. Late postmarks or emails will not be accepted **under any circumstances**.
5. All materials become the property of the Scholarship Committee and will not be returned. All information will be held in strict confidence within the Dodge-Powell Scholarship Committee.

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APPLICATION
School Year 2026-2027**

Applicant's Full Name:

(Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle Initial) _____

Home Address: _____

College Address (if applicable): _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parents or Legal Guardians:

Father: _____ (Living - Deceased)

Mother: _____ (Living - Deceased)

Are you a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Virginia (Yes/No)?: _____

If so, give Chapter Name, Number and location:

List any family members who are members of the Eastern Star by giving their Name, Chapter Name, Number and Location:

Are you a member of Job's Daughters International, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, or

DeMolay International (Yes/No)?: _____

If yes, give name and location of Bethel, Assembly, or Chapter:

Applicant Name: _____

To be completed by High School Students only:

List schools attended, length of attendance and grade-point averages:

Name of High School	From	To
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7th Semester GPA: _____

To which colleges have you applied for admission?	Accepted	Waiting
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

State month and year you expect to graduate: _____

List academic honors you have received:

List extracurricular activities and offices held in your community:

List summer interests and activities, including jobs:

2024: _____

2025: _____

How do you plan to pay school expenses not covered by this scholarship?:

Family Support () Summer Earnings () Other ()

College Applicant Name: _____

Have you received this scholarship in past years (Yes/No): _____

If so, what academic years? _____

List schools attended, length of attendance and grade-point averages:

Name of College	From	To
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Cumulative GPA: _____

What will your class be in 2026-2027 (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.)?: _____

State month and year you expect to graduate: _____

List collegiate academic honors you have received:

List high school academic honors you have received (**first time applicants only**):

List collegiate extracurriculars and offices held in your community:

List high school extracurriculars and offices held in your community (**first time applicants only**):

List summer interests and activities, including jobs:

2024: _____

2025: _____

Is anyone dependent on you for financial support? Yes () No ()

If yes, explain: _____

How do you plan to pay school expenses not covered by this scholarship?

Family Support () Summer Earnings () Other ()

Applicant Name:

Should this application be approved, I pledge my unreserved compliance with all requirements of the Dodge-Powell Scholarship Committee, Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

I/We have reviewed this application and verified its authenticity.

I/We hereby approve its submission to the Committee.

Should my daughter/son not complete the school year and the scholarship becomes a loan, I/we will be responsible for repayment of the loan if my/our daughter/son does not repay. It must be repaid within two years from the date her/his study terminates.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Subscribed and sworn on (date): _____

**Dodge-Powell Scholarship Committee
Grand Chapter of Virginia,
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**VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

_____ has applied for the 2026-2027
Dodge-Powell Scholarship. Please verify that the above-named individual is a member in good
standing in the Order of the Eastern Star or is the daughter, son or grandchild of a member in
good standing or who was in good standing at the time of her/his death.

Member's Name: _____

Chapter Name and Number: _____

Date Initiated: _____

Office(s) Held:

Family member(s) who are also members of the Chapter:

Signature of Chapter Secretary: _____

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**VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP
JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL**

_____ has applied for the 2026-2027
Dodge-Powell Scholarship. Please verify that the above-named individual is a member in
good standing in the Job's Daughters International in Virginia.

Member's Name: _____

Bethel Name and Number: _____

Date Initiated: _____

Date of Majority (if applicable): _____

Office(s) Held:

Guardian Secretary or Bethel Guardian Signature: _____

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**VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP
DEMOLAY INTERNATIONAL**

_____ has applied for the 2026-2027
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good standing in the DeMolay International in Virginia.

Member's Name: _____

Chapter Name and Location: _____

Date Initiated: _____

Office(s) Held:

Chapter Advisor Signature: _____

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**VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP
INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS**

_____ has applied for the 2026-2027
Dodge-Powell Scholarship. Please verify that the above-named individual is a member in
good standing in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Virginia.

Member's Name: _____

Assembly Name and Number: _____

Date Initiated: _____

Date of Majority (if applicable): _____

Office(s) Held:

Mother Advisor or Board Chair Signature: _____