

17 Jackson Ave
Oneonta, New York 13820

23rd January 2020

Dear Guidance Office:

This year, the Otsego-Schoharie and Delaware Masonic Charities, Inc. (the Charities Corporation.) is pleased to announce that it intends to grant four (4), Seven hundred fifty dollar (\$750) scholarships to deserving area graduating high school seniors. Due Friday April 3rd, 2020. Successful applicants, upon proof of enrollment for the spring term, will receive a seven hundred fifty dollar (\$750) check.

Please note that these grants are open to *all* deserving students, and that a family Masonic connection is *not* a requirement. It is required, however, that the application be submitted to a Masonic Lodge, and signed by **a Mason in good standing of a lodge in the Otsego-Schoharie and Delaware districts. and the secretary with the Lodge seal.**

These grants are not strictly needs based, although a student is welcome to attach a statement of financial need to their application. Neither are these grants strictly scholastic. The student's application will be reviewed by a "blind" committee, and their entire package, including letters of recommendations, their aspirations, need, and character will be assessed.

Should one or more of your students be successful in obtaining a grant, they will agree to attend the presentation dinner in their honor, and to have their name and picture placed in our local papers if applicable to the local Lodge situation. As always, the Charities Corporation expects that these awards **will be announced at the graduation ceremony.**

The Free and Accepted Masons of New York State are pleased to be able to serve our communities, and we wish the best of luck to your graduating seniors.

Very truly yours,
Alexander D. Brannan
Scholarship Committee Chair
<https://osdmasons.org/Scholarships>