

# **PHILO LODGE#436 A.F. & A.M. SCHOLARSHIP**

*Overview of scholarship criteria, conditions, and instructions presented to the Riverdale Educational Foundation as a guide for awarding this scholarship.*

**Introduction: Statement of Masonic philosophy to be read each year at Class Night prior to giving the scholarship: (To be presented by a Lodge member if available – contact Todd Jackson. If a Lodge member is not available, a member of the Riverdale Educational Foundation will make the presentation.**

One of the basic beliefs of Freemasonry is that each person has a responsibility to help improve society through philanthropy and community service. Helping people is one of the hallmarks of Masons. Principles of Freemasonry include honor, integrity, tolerance, charity, truth, and respect for all.

It was in the spirit of Masonic philosophy and principles that Philo Lodge #436 of Port Byron, Illinois decided, upon its merger with Stewart Lodge #92 of Geneseo, Illinois, to devote the bulk of its remaining assets to the establishment of this scholarship.

## **Purpose of Scholarship**

To provide assistance to a graduate of Riverdale High School in continuing their education. Money may be used for any legitimate school related expense such as tuition, fees, or books.

## **Amount**

Annual interest generated on a principal amount of \$40,000. Scholarship award is capped at \$1,500. Any annual interest received above the \$1,500 cap is to be placed in a fund to generate additional scholarships also capped at \$1,500.

A five-year CD was purchased at the Old Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Hillsdale, Illinois in the name of the Riverdale Educational Foundation. The interest will be paid annually into an account designated by the Foundation to provide the money for the annual scholarship.

## **Eligibility**

Enrolled in a Vocational School, University, or College. Satisfactory evidence of enrollment to be provided to the Riverdale Educational Foundation before the scholarship money is released.

Masonic relationship or membership is not required.

## **Listed Criteria**

Financial need.  
Demonstrated record of service to school and community.  
Possesses good moral character.  
Has demonstrated good citizenship.  
Has a sincere desire for continuing education.

## **Application Procedure**

Secure application form from Riverdale High School Guidance office.  
Secure recommendations from three adults (at least two must be teachers at Riverdale.)

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## **CRITERIA**

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## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Secure application form from Riverdale High School Guidance office. Secure recommendations from three adults (at least two must be teachers at Riverdale). Give recommendation cover sheet (attached) with your name on it to each adult making a recommendation.

## **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

Riverdale High School Guidance Office

**DEADLINE: MARCH 1ST**

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## APPLICATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is asked to only include his/her name on  
this page. **DO NOT** include your name on any  
other part of this application.

Return by: **March 1<sup>st</sup>**

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## APPLICATION

Number of family members (including self) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members currently full time students:

Elementary & Middle School \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Average family income: under \$30,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,000 to \$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ over \$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_

University, College or Vocational School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your school and community activities that demonstrate service, character, and citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your educational goals: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your career goals: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional statement that you may wish to make to support your application for this scholarship (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Attach this form to your letter of recommendation, but DO NOT include the student's name in the recommendation. Recommendations are to be mailed to:

Counseling Office  
Riverdale High School  
9622 256<sup>th</sup> St. N.  
Port Byron, IL 61275

Return by: **March 1<sup>st</sup>**

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## RECOMMENDATION

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