

# **ESTARL APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

ESTARL awards are given to assist men and women who are preparing for one of the following or related fields:

- Minister or Missionary
- Director of Church Music
- Director of Religious Education
- Director of Youth Leadership

## **Eligibility**

- 1) Ministerial students or students in related religious studies, only, whose legal residence is Texas
- 2) Who are in their third, or junior year or beyond in Religious study, who maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or above.

An Eastern Star or Masonic relationship is not required.

## **APPLICANTS MUST BE SPONSORED BY AN EASTERN STAR CHAPTER**

### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION:**

- 1) Contact the ESTARL General Chairman as noted on the Grand Chapter of Texas Website. The General Chairman will direct you to the appropriate District Chairman who will assist you through the application process.
- 2) If you do not have a sponsor Chapter, the District Chairman will work with you to determine the Eastern Star Chapter you should contact.
- 3) You will be required to send a letter to the Chapter from whom you are seeking sponsorship stating your desire to apply for an ESTARL scholarship. You must include a completed application along with all the required references, information and transcripts (in proper form).
- 4) The Chapter will then contact you to arrange a meeting with their ESTARL Scholarship Committee.

- 5) Once the Chapter Committee has met with you and reviewed all the application documents, it will report to the Chapter their recommendation. The Chapter will then vote to sponsor you for the ESTARL Scholarship Award.
- 6) The Chapter will forward all the application documents to the District Chairman.
- 7) In April the ESTARL Committee will meet, and together review all applications presented by each District Chairman. The Committee will then select the recipients of the awards for the year.
- 8) The District Chairman will notify you as to whether or not you will receive the ESTARL Award.

**PROCEDURE FOR REAPPLICATION:**

- 1) A letter will be sent by the ESTARL District Chairman inviting you to reapply for an ESTARL Award.
- 2) You will send a letter to your Sponsor Chapter informing them of your desire to be considered for an ESTARL Award.
- 3) The letter to the Chapter should include the following:
  - a. An update on your financial status
  - b. An official transcript of grades from the last completed semester.
  - c. An update on your church and community activities
  - d. Changes in contact information
  - e. Any experiences or what you have learned from your studies during the year
- 4) The Sponsor Chapter will forward your letter to the appropriate District Chairman.
- 5) The written request will be presented at the annual meeting of the ESTARL Committee for determining award recipients.