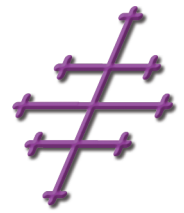


SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES



The Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship Program, established in January 2006, will be awarded according to the following guidelines and criteria and will be funded through the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., and through endowments of private donors to the Foundation for the purpose of and reserved unto the Scholarship.

1. The Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship

The Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship may be awarded annually to one or more eligible individuals to be applied toward tuition and books at an accredited university, college, or vocational school in the United States. The scholarship may be renewed annually for a maximum of four years (or until the recipient earns a Bachelor's degree or vocational license or certification, if attained sooner), as long as the recipient has maintained at least a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher while in high school and college prior to the awarding of this scholarship and maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for the duration of this scholarship.

- A. The Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship will be available only to citizens of the United States residing and attending accredited academic institutions or vocational schools in the United States.
- B. This scholarship is designed to encourage an individual who has aspirations to pursue college level study or learn a vocation and who has demonstrated ability to succeed, but lacks the financial means to do so. The scholarship is for students who have volunteer experience, participation in social, civic, religious and fraternal activities of the community, or other demonstrated leadership ability, or who may have other special circumstances that warrant assistance, such as overcoming a hardship or having a unique life experience. A student's GPA is not of the utmost importance. Special consideration will be given to a student's financial need, volunteer experience, leadership qualities, special circumstances, ambition, dedication, and academic preparation for performance at the advanced level.
- C. The number of Sovereign Grand Commander Scholarships and the amount of each scholarship to be awarded in any given year shall be dependent upon the earnings of the scholarship fund and shall be in the discretion of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.
- D. The Director of Education of the Supreme Council, 33°, 1733 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009-3103, must receive all scholarship applications on or before April 1 of each year. Selections of recipients shall normally be made in April of each year. Final selections, if any, will be at the sole discretion and determination of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council. Before any payments are made, the applicants must be accepted for enrollment at accredited institutions of higher learning that are authorized to grant degrees in the applicants' selected fields of study or at vocational schools that are authorized to grant certifications or licenses in the selected trades or vocations.

2. Donor-Endowed Sovereign Grand Commander Scholarships

- A. Interested individuals may establish an endowed scholarship of at least \$100,000 within the Grand Commander's Scholarship Program. Each endowed scholarship may be named for the donor that establishes it in the following manner: "The [donor name]'s Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship."
- B. Each endowed scholarship shall be awarded using the same criteria as the Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship. Any other individual may contribute to any of the named endowed Grand Commander's Scholarships, but the name of the endowed scholarship shall be in honor of the donor who first established the endowment.
- C. Individuals interested in establishing an endowed scholarship within the Sovereign Grand Commander's Scholarship Program may direct inquiries to the Supreme Council's Development Office at 1733 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.