

The Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation

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The *Masonic Youth Talking Points* is published by the PA Masonic Youth Foundation to share ideas and to inspire Masonic leaders to creatively support the Masonic Youth Groups and the programs of the PA Masonic Youth Foundation. It is emailed to all District Deputy Grand Masters, District Youth Chairmen, Lodge Youth Chairmen, and Masonic Youth Group Leaders. All Lodge Youth Chairmen are asked to make a short report at each Lodge meeting, using the information provided in this publication.

PMYF Scholarship Edition

Hot Off the Presses...

...or something like that! The 2025 Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide and 2025 PMYF Scholarship Application are now available and posted on the PMYF Webpage at:

<https://pmyf.org/scholarship-2/>

Eligibility Reminder...

Applications for the PMYF Scholarships may be submitted by:

- Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Group Members & Senior Members
- Pennsylvania Master Masons
- Sons & Daughters of Pennsylvania Master Masons
- Siblings of Pennsylvania Master Masons
- Grandsons & Granddaughters of Pennsylvania Master Masons
- Great Grandsons & Granddaughters of Pennsylvania Master Masons
- Students & Graduates of the Pennsylvania Masonic Children's Home

Important Considerations...

- Minimum GPA from last completed academic year must be 3.0.
- Proof of Eligibility must be included:
 - Current dues card of Masonic relative, or
 - Certification letter from youth group adult leader; or
 - Documentation of association with Masonic Children's Home
- Provide official transcripts of most recently completed academic year.
 - Often sent directly to PMYF Office from school.
- Pages 1 & 2 of most recent US Income Tax Return 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ
 - Student's.
 - Parent's or Guardian's claiming student as legal dependent.
- Typing of Application is highly recommended.
 - If hand printing, please use pen not pencil.
- Application & attachments must be mailed to PMYF Office.
- Completed application packet must be postmarked by March 15, 2025.

By the Numbers: 2024

- 138 Total Submissions, up from 105 in 2023
 - 77 entering freshman year.
 - 24 entering sophomore year.
 - 26 entering junior year.
 - 11 entering senior year.
- Of the 138, 16 came from Masonic Youth Group Members
 - 8 from DeMolays (up from 6 in 2023)
 - 3 from Job's Daughters (up from 2 in 2023)
 - 5 from Rainbow Girls (up from 2 in 2023)
- \$150,000.00 in scholarships awarded.
 - 52 different students received a scholarship.

Appreciation:

Every year students who receive scholarships from the PMYF are great at showing their appreciation by sending thank you notes and letters to the foundation. Here's a sample that should make everyone who supports our mission feel very, very good:

Dear PMYF Educational Institute Program -

To all parties involved in choosing, awarding, sponsoring, and distributing scholarships and educational awards I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the support you've given me and countless others in pursuing their educational journey. Without the unwavering support of the PMYF I would not be able to focus on my scholastic work solely. So, I would like to thank you deeply for assisting me in making my academic experience as easy to navigate as possible.

Sincerely, Martin Stoner

Speaking of Showing Thanks:

Last year when the PMYF asked scholarship recipients to video a thank you testimonial for posting on the PMYF Website, Martin Stoner, a Past Master Councilor of Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay was the first to respond. In 2023 Ainsley Raybold also responded to our request for a testimonial and their messages of thanks, along with the 2024 submissions from 9 students, can be viewed on the PMYF Website under the Videos tab along the right hand side of the top bar or at this link: <https://pmyf.org/videos/>

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