



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Lodge #2085

11 Amboy Road
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the scholarship committee is to reward graduating seniors of the Bordentown Regional, Florence Township and Northern Burlington school districts and/or graduating seniors who are either children or grandchildren of current Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 2085 members. The goal is to recognize and subsidize students wishing to continue their education either scholastically or vocationally. Criteria to qualify for this scholarship are excellence in academics and/or involvement with community service in and outside of the Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The deadline to submit applications is April 22, 2024.

Applications may be handed in to the Applicant's Guidance Office, mailed or hand delivered to:

Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085
11 Amboy Road
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505
Attention: Scholarship Chairwoman, Ellen Benowitz

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS

In addition to the scholarships awarded by the Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085, children and grandchildren of members in good standing may apply for Elks National Foundation Legacy & Most Valuable Student Scholarships and/or NJ State Elks Association Scholarships.

For more information, please visit the following websites <https://www.elks.org/scholars/> or https://www.njelks.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=43&Itemid=62



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY

Any high school senior who is a U.S. Citizen attending Bordentown Regional School District, Florence Township School District or Northern Burlington Regional School District; and is a child or grandchild of a Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085 member in good standing since April 1st of the previous year may apply.

We will not accept an applicant as an independent student, unless the student is or has been a ward of the Court. We require a copy of a Court Document or a Notarized letter from an appropriate Court Agency (Social Services) certifying to such status.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must use this official Bordentown Lodge 2085 scholarship application for the current year. It must be signed and dated by the applicant, parent(s) or guardian(s), and School Report must be signed by a counselor or an appropriate school official. Applicants are not required to type this application; however handwritten applications must be legible. The application and all supporting documents must be in English or English translations.

This application must be submitted to the applicant's high school guidance office or to the Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085 Scholarship Committee. Only one application may be filed per applicant.

Your completed application must be in a Mead (or similar) paper folder with inside pockets and clasps. Three-hole punch your application and secure it in the clasps. Elaborate bindings, clear plastic pages, and bulky coverings are discouraged. We are not judging on visual presentation.

It is responsibility of the applicant to maintain a completed copy of the application for their files. All applications received by the Scholarship Committee become the property of the Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085. Applicant information will not be sold or used for any other purpose other than for consideration of this scholarship. Following the award of scholarships all documents will be destroyed.

The final date for filing completed application is located on the packet cover.

AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

By late April, the Scholarship Committee will notify the scholarship winners via telephone or in writing. All awards are conditional upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate two or four year degree program in an accredited U.S. American College, University or vocational school. Upon receipt of a "Verification of Enrollment" form from proper school officials, a check from the Lodge, in the amount of the award, will be forwarded to the scholarship winner.



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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED

HONORS AND AWARDS

The following is a list to assist in completion of the Honors and Awards section of this application. Include awards such as Eagle Scout, Gold Awards, Teen of the Year, Statewide or National Conference (i.e. Boy's Girl's State, HCBY); National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar, Major Athletic Award, and Major Academic Award. Do not include such awards as Academic/Athletic letters, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Scout Merit Badges, and Teen/Student of the Month, Top Percent of Class, or Who's Who. These lists are not inclusive. Activity sheets are acceptable replacement for Employment and Community Service sections and Honors and Awards, but must be structured identically to the application.

SCHOOL REPORT

A High School Counselor or appropriate school official must complete this report. The report form and school profile should be secured in a sealed envelope and included in the application brochure.

TRANSCRIPT AND SAT OR ACT SCORES

Include official complete current high school transcript of student grades. The transcript must include applicants most recent classes and grade report. SAT or ACT test scores must be included, but may be photocopies. Use one set of ACT scores only, and/or up to two sets of SAT scores.

Transcripts may be a photocopy that bears the original signature of the proper school authority. It is not necessary to send a separate sheet of test scores if they are included on applicant's transcripts. However, if the school provides a sealed transcript, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the scores are listed on the transcript.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Include two letters of recommendation, one from a high school teacher, and the other from a responsible community member who is not from the applicant's high school. Applicant may also include a third letter from a committee chairperson if applicant has provided any service at Bordentown Lodge 2085. The letters should not come from a person who is related to applicant. A letter may cover participation in the community in terms of work service, leadership skills, and outstanding recognition. Letters may be originals or photocopies and must be limited to one side of a single 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper, typed, dated and signed by the author. The letter may cover applicant's abilities, work habits, leadership, personality, and integrity.

EXHIBITS

Attach copies of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, or other activities. Avoid repetition. Examples of exhibits include newspaper articles featuring the applicant or letters of commendation.



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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE SCORING

The following merit standards will prevail:

	<i>Maximum Points</i>
Scholarship & ACT/Scores – or - Employment in Vocation Choice	225
Leadership	535
Honors/Awards	80
Positions of Leadership	80
Organization Participation	70
Employment and/or Community Service.....	60
Elks Service	50
Overall Brochure	20
Essay	100
Recommendations	75
Total	760

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please arrange items in this order.

- _____ Completed Application (original, typed, or neatly printed)
- _____ Application Essay (typed and signed)
- _____ Official Transcript of grades and SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)
- _____ School Report (in a sealed envelope)
- _____ Letters of Recommendations
- _____ Copies of Exhibits



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Applicant Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Are you an American Citizen? Yes No

Resident Alien status does not qualify. Applicant MUST be a citizen on the date the application is signed.

Are you related to a member of the Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085? Yes No

Member Information

Member Name: _____

Member Number (if known): _____

Relation to Member: _____

Is the Member in good standing as of April 1st? Yes No

Application Type

Check below if this is a Scholastic or Vocation Application.

Scholastic

Vocational

By signing this application, you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. This information may include a copy of your U.S. or State Income Tax form. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be disqualified from this contest. You agree to the use of your name, and any information contained within the application except for your social security number, the parental financial analysis, and financial statement, for advertising, promotional and publicity purposes without consent or compensation.

Applicant Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date: _____

Feel free to duplicate the following two pages to provide additional information about achievements.



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EMPLOYMENT

List jobs you have held from January 1st through December 31st of the previous year. Include baby-sitting and work on a family farm or for a family business, even if not paid. Please list total hours worked, not average hours per week. Applicant will receive 0 points in this section if hours are not listed as instructed. Note if this employment coincides with choice of continuing education, trade or major.

Total Hours	Dates of Employment	Type of Work	Name of Employer
Grand Total of Hours			

COMMUNITY SERVICE

List volunteer work or community service you performed without pay from January 1st through December 31st of the previous year. Please list total hours not average hours per week. Applicant will receive 0 points in this section if hours are not listed as instructed. Note if this community service coincides with choice of continuing education, trade or major.

Total Hours	Dates of Participation	Type of Service	Name of Agency/Organization/Elks
Grand Total of Hours			

HONORS AND AWARDS

Include significant scholastic, extracurricular and civic honors and awards during grades 9 through 12. State nature of award and grade won. (i.e. Girl Scout Gold Award, 12.) Please do not abbreviate the names of the awards. Include a brief description of each award on a separate sheet of paper. Explain the purpose of the award and why applicant received it in 25 words or less. Not Significant - Honor Roll, Month Awards, Who's Who, Academic/Athletic letter.

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POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP

State name of organization, position, grade(s) position was held from grades 9 through 12, starting with the most recent. (i.e. Key Club, President, 11; Tennis Team, Captain, 10, Eagle Scout or Gold Award 12.)

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4.	11.
5.	12.
6.	13.
7.	14.

ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATED

Include all scholastic, extracurricular and civic organizations that applicant participated in for at least three years during grades 9 through 12. Even those listed in Positions of Leadership section, above. State name of organization and the grade level the applicant was involved in, starting with the most recent. (i.e. Boy Scouts, 9, 10, 11.)

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APPLICANT ESSAY

Applicant must prepare a typed essay of 350 words or less describing a personal accomplishment that has made a significant impact on applicant's and/or other's lives. Describe if this accomplishment has contributed to determining career aspirations, achieving life goals, and preparing for college. The essay must be dated and signed.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PLANS

State plans for enrollment in an accredited American College, University or Technical School. Include planned major/trade.

EXHIBITS

Attach copies of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, work shop or other activities. Avoid repetition. Examples of exhibits include newspaper articles featuring the applicant or letters of commendation.

SCHOOL REPORT

The attached School report is to be submitted to a school counselor or appropriate school official for completion of application.



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SCHOOL REPORT

Name of Student

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

COUNSELOR: Please include a copy of your school profile and answer the following questions, even if the information is included in the profile. If your school has a policy of not ranking students, provide information to help us identify promising applicants.

Applicants Grade Point Average (A= 4.0) _____

GPA based on weighted grades: Yes No

CLASS RANK: Applicant's rank is _____ in a class of _____. How many students have this rank? _____

Please list AP courses student has taken and passed the class and passed the AP exam _____

How would you describe this applicant's academic program compared with that of other students applying for scholarships?
_____Below Average _____Average _____Above Average _____Rigorous _____Most Rigorous

Is there a Community Service requirement to graduate? Yes No

If so, how many hours? _____

Has the applicant ever been suspended or dismissed from your school? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Would you recommend this applicant for the Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085 Scholarship for the below:

Academic/ Vocational Ability Yes No

Character and Person Distinction Yes No

Leadership Qualities Yes No

Extracurricular Activities Yes No

Please secure this completed School Report Form with the School's Profile in a sealed envelope and provide them to the student to include in his/her application brochure.

Name (please print)

Position

School E-mail

Length of time acquainted with applicant

School Phone Number

Signature and Date