

## **2019 Application Information for The Leon M. Abbott Scholarship and the NYS Council of Deliberation Scholarship**

This year we will be offering the Leon M. Abbott Scholarship through the Supreme Council AASR-NMJ. Because of the generosity of the Trustees of the NYS Charities Corporation we will also be offering the NYS Council of Deliberation Scholarship funded by the NYS Scottish Rite Charities Corporation. Those selected, will receive either a NYS Council of Deliberation or a Leon M. Abbott Scholarship, but not both.

**Eligibility:** Those meeting any of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the 2019 Scholarship program:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, or a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The qualifying student must be:
  - A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale; or
  - A high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

The Supreme Council has established a form that is **the ONLY form** that will be accepted for the Abbott Scholarship. **Please destroy any old forms you have and review applications you receive to be sure that the proper form is used. Old forms will NOT be accepted.**

Applicants should print the form, complete it, and mail it to the Valley of Utica Secretary.

The Abbott Scholarship application is available on the Supreme Council website at:

<http://www.scottishritenmj.org>

It is also available on the NYS Council of Deliberation website at:

<http://www.nyscottishritemasons.org/scholarships.html>

Use the Supreme Council form for ALL scholarship applications, whether Leon Abbott or NYS Council of Deliberation. Only one form needs to be submitted for consideration.

Be certain to follow the guidelines on the applications and adhere to all deadlines. We do not want to see qualified candidates' applications rejected due to clerical errors or incomplete documentation.

Supporting documentation **MUST INCLUDE:**

- a. at least one confidential letter of recommendation;
- b. The most current college transcript;
- c. the most current copy of the FAFSA form;
- d. Students must have a **MINIMUM G.P.A. of 2.75 to qualify.**

Applications **must** be sent to the Valley of Utica 251 Genesee St. Utica, NY 13501.

Applications **must** be received by **April 1, 2019**. Late entries **will not** be submitted.

If selected, the recipient will receive **only one** scholarship.