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Dear Applicant,

It is with great pleasure that I enclose the application form for a Western Australian Freemasons Education Grant.

Grants are awarded to students, who **meet the criteria for financial assistance due to necessitous circumstances**, in order to complete their studies. Post-secondary students (eg undergraduates, TAFE, college) must be undertaking full-time study. However, post-graduate students may be studying full or part-time.

To be eligible for financial assistance, all applicants must also meet the following criteria:

- **meet the criteria for financial assistance due to necessitous circumstances;**
- **proven scholastic ability;**
- **residents of Western Australia; and**
- **sponsored by a current WA Freemason.**

Students may apply for a grant each year. This application will be assessed independently from any previous submissions. You will need to exhibit satisfactory academic progress and a need for financial assistance (necessitous circumstances).

The procedure for applications is found on the reverse of this letter. Please ensure you have attached all relevant documentation and signed the privacy statement as clearly outlined on page 2 of the application form.

An application can not be approved unless the required documents are submitted with the form, prior to the closing date of **Tuesday 27th March 2018 by your Freemason Sponsor.**

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Cherie at The Grand Lodge office on 9355 3599.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Waterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Michael Waterson
Chairman, Education Grant Committee

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Student's Notes

Procedure:

1. The Education Grant Application **Form is filled in by the applicant.**

It is the **student's responsibility** to:

- a) complete the form, sign & initial where indicated,
- b) write a letter of introduction
- c) provide a statement that shows their **genuine** need of financial assistance (necessitous circumstances)
- d) provide two recent original signed and dated character references (not emails),
- e) attach copies of academic qualifications,
- f) provide proof of enrolment (as per description in form).

2. Once you have fulfilled the above criteria, you are now ready to **meet with your Freemason Sponsor.**

This meeting would likely be between December & February after you have been accepted into your educational institution and completed our form. A meeting place is to be agreed upon between yourself and your Sponsor. Most times this is at the student's home. Family members or friends are welcome to be present.

The meeting should be quite informal. Your Sponsor will go through the application form, and will chat informally about your chosen course of study, motivation, family situation, and how you intend to support yourself through university.

3. **When the meeting has finished, your Sponsor will take the completed form & supporting documentation. This will not be returned to you.**
4. The Sponsor will then complete the **To be completed by your Freemason Sponsor** section at the back of your application form.
5. Once he has completed this section, your Sponsor will forward it to Grand Lodge.
6. Once the applications have been assessed, you will be sent a letter notifying whether you have been successful.

Please Note:

- Applications are open to everyone: Freemason's family, friends and general public, without discrimination.
- The instruction on the first page under *Submission Procedure* states that it is the student's responsibility to ensure there is ample time for the process to occur.
- You may provide a list of achievements and awards, however, **COPIES ARE NOT REQUIRED.**
- Please leave sufficient time for your Sponsor to return the documents to you before the closing date.