

Sisters and Brothers,

As the seasons change, and we give bountiful thanks for our many blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us, we are grateful for those who have received the call to minister and teach others religious lessons that form the basis of our Order.

The Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership was established at General Grand Chapter in Milwaukee in 1952 and was brought to fruition at NH Grand Chapter in 1954 by Sister Alma Chase PGM, as a fund which gives financial assistance to those who seek to further their education to answer this important call.

The ESTARL Award is given to candidates who are seeking to continue their education in the religious field, either as a minister, lay person, and a director of church music, director of youth leadership, director of religious education or any other study related to religion. Notably, ESTARL recipients DO NOT need to have Eastern Star or other Masonic Fraternal relationships. If anyone knows of a minister or youth group leader who seeks to further their studies, please give them an application.

Since 1992, each Chapter of Eastern Star in NH has been collecting “Spare Change” in a plastic canvas Church Bank given to them to use for donations to this project. We hope that this Church is passed at each meeting so that everyone may contribute to this fund and may be a reminder of the ‘good work’ that Eastern Star can perform for the community. The members of the ESTARL committee are asking that each Chapter make an effort to use your Church Bank in whatever way you see fit to increase donations. These donations continue to be the only way that Grand Chapter can may provide scholarships to worthy recipients.

The deadline for applications is June 1, 2022. Please have all applicants complete the enclosed form and send it to Lorraine E Thompson PGM, ESTARL Committee Chairman, 5 Sally Sweet Way Apt 225, Salem, NH 03079-3376 by June 1, 2022.

We thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally,
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David C Thompson, Jr, PGP
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This letter has the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron