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**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
CLOVER LODGE #348
625 MERCHANT STREET
AMBRIDGE, PENNSYLVANIA 15003**

Dear Counselor:

We represent a fraternal organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, located in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. We are a national non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization that has been in existence for over 200 years. Our individual lodge has been in existence for over 100 years. We are the only Odd Fellow lodge that services the Beaver County area. The purpose of our organization is to “visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.” To that end, we undertake many endeavors that make our community a better place to live. We have put together care packages for members of our community serving in the armed forces in the Middle East and other overseas locations plus we give monthly food baskets to the needy.

Our current undertaking is to provide college scholarship money to area youths. We wish to provide financial assistance to area youths whose families are unable to keep up with the ever-rising cost of a college education. It is for this project that we are requesting your help. We are offering scholarships for graduating high school seniors in our area— over the past years we have given a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$1,500 in individual scholarships up to a total of \$6,000. The money raised by our lodge is from a golf sponsored event. The selected applicants are required to work our golf event. Only serious candidates will be considered.

Attached please find 2023 Scholarship Application consisting of two pages. The application is requesting Personal, Family and Academic Information (to be completed by high school counselor).

We are requesting that application materials be returned to the school guidance office or emailed directly to me at the email below by April 10, 2023. We can then arrange with you to hopefully email back the candidate materials from your school.

We thank you in advance for your help in distributing these materials. If you would like more information concerning the scholarships, please feel free to contact me (Richard Shoup at 724-561-6855). You may also reach me via e-mail at richs112760@yahoo.com.

Together we can continue to help deserving students pursue higher education.

Sincerely,

Richard Shoup

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Scholarship Application 2023

Personal Information

Applicant's Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: _____

Name of High School: _____

School Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Honors/Awards: _____

Post Secondary School Planning to Attend: _____

Field of Study: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____



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Family Information

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Names and Ages of School Age Brothers and Sisters: _____

Is a member of your family a member of the IOOF? _____

If so, indicate name and relationship: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Academic Information (to be completed by the high school counselor)

Cumulative High School Grade Point Average: _____

Cumulative High School Class Rank: _____ in a class of _____.

SAT Scores: _____ Verbal _____ Math _____ ACT Composite Score: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE OR CAN BE DIRECTLY EMAILED TO RICHARD SHOUP AT richs112760@yahoo.com BEFORE APRIL 10, 2023.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average while displaying academic effort.
2. Write an essay of 200 to 250 words “each” explaining “What’s so odd about the Independent Order of Odd Fellows?” and “How does financial aid contribute to the college selection process?”
3. Demonstrate a commitment to and involvement in extracurricular and/or community activities.
4. Enrollment verification from the college is required.
5. Other scholarship commitments accepted.
6. Incomplete or untrue information will disqualify the applicant.
7. **ALL RECIPIENTS OF IOOF 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS AGREE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE 17TH ANNUAL IOOF GOLF SCRAMBLE AT BEAVER VALLEY GOLF CLUB (725 6TH AVENUE BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010) ON SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023.**



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