



Henry T. Wetherall Memorial Scholarship 2025

Masters & Wardens Association

16th Masonic District of Florida

Dear Graduating Student,

Congratulations on reaching the end of your High School career and on the beginning of your future studies as you prepare to enter college or university!

You are invited to apply for our Henry T. Wetherall Memorial Scholarship. At least two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to graduating High School students in Central Florida.

You are eligible if:

- You are currently a graduating High School student in either Seminole, Orange, or Osceola counties
- You must attend an accredited college or university in Fall of 2025. Proof of acceptance must be provided, and the check will be made out to the school for the winner's use
- You are a U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident

Who are we?

This scholarship is sponsored by the leadership association of Masons in this area. Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternity in the world. Worldwide, its members have included Presidents, Kings, Prime Ministers, Statesmen, Generals, Admirals, philosophers, scientists, artists, business leaders, and laborers. In the United States, you may be interested to know that George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were Freemasons. As were 8 of 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 14 Presidents, 35 Supreme Court Justices, numerous astronauts including Buzz Aldrin and John Glenn, actors, musicians, and business leaders from all generations are included among our numbers. Mozart was a Mason, as was John Entwistle of The Who, and country music star, Brad Paisley. More than likely, you have a neighbor or family member who is a Freemason!

Freemasonry is a system of moral instruction that brings men from all walks of life, all religions, and all economic stations together so that they meet each other as Brothers, on the same level. Our motto, *Making Good Men Better*, embodies what we believe and what we do. In Central Florida, we have 12 Lodges, whose total membership is several thousand strong, where groups of Masons meet regularly to further our Fraternity, work to improve ourselves, and our communities.

What do you need to do?

Complete all sections of the enclosed application and return it to us by **Friday, March 14th, 2025**. We will be contacting the winners by the end of April 2025. Late entries or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Jeff Tindall
449 North Thompson Rd
Apopka, FL 32712

Or, preferably, email your application to:

proud162024@gmail.com



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PERSONAL STATEMENT

(Must be included with application)

This personal statement assists the Scholarship Committee to become better acquainted with you in ways different from course load, grades, test scores and other objective data. It enables you to demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

In no less than one thousand words nor no more than one thousand two hundred and fifty words, explain, in your own words, "What it means to be an American." Please type your essay. Punctuation, grammar, originality, and vision matter!

Please attach your printed, or typed, essay to this application. Make sure your name appears on each page of the document. At the end of the essay include the total number of words. If you are using MS Word or a similar tool there should be a feature to count the total words in the document. Remember, your essay should be between 1,000 and 1,250 words total.

My signature, and that of my parent or guardian, indicates that all the information contained in this application is true, correct and honestly presented.

Student signature _____ *Date* _____

Parent or Guardian's signature _____ *Date* _____



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TEACHER / COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION

(Must be included with application)

Please feel free to write whatever you believe is important regarding this student including a description of academic and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the candidate's intellectual promise, motivation, relative maturity, integrity, independence, originality, initiative, and enthusiasm. We welcome information that assists the Scholarship Committee to differentiate this student from the others.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

TEACHER OR COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

(Must be included with application)

List the activities in which you have participated during grades 9-12 and "X" the appropriate grade level(s). List leadership positions held in each activity. Limit your response to the space provided – one entry per line.

ACTIVITIES <i>(School Related)</i>	9	10	11	12	Leadership Positions
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT <i>(Volunteer service or other clubs outside school)</i>	9	10	11	12	Leadership Positions
SPECIAL RECOGNITION, AWARDS, HONORS	9	10	11	12	Leadership Positions

WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe any paid employment during the school year and indicate the total number of hour spent on a weekly basis. (Do not include employment paid by parents for summer jobs.)

EMPLOYMENT DESCRIPTION	9	10	11	12	Estimated # of hours per week