



GRAND LODGE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF TEXAS

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April 14, 2026

TO ALL ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH LODGES

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Grand Lodge Executive Committee is pleased to announce that five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be provided from the B. J. Longshore Memorial Fund for 2026. The scholarship may be used at any college, university, or technical school within the State of Texas and will be paid in full at the Fall 2026 semester.

Please find enclosed a B. J. Longshore Memorial Scholarship application form. Feel free to make copies as needed, or call the Grand Lodge Office to request additional copies. You may also download the form at the Grand Lodge's website of www.iooftx.org by clicking the "Scholarship" tab.

The completed applications and corresponding information must be received in the Grand Lodge Office no later than May 30, 2026. Please note that the student's transcripts must be official and in a sealed envelope issued by their school. All scholarship recipients will be expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA. The Grand Lodge Executive Committee will announce the winners of the scholarships as soon as possible after June 12, 2026.

The members of the Grand Lodge Executive Committee are extremely grateful to our beloved brother, B. J. Longshore, for providing scholarship opportunities. Please help us in distributing this information in order for a large number of applications to be received.

Please call the Grand Lodge Office at 1-844-872-7438 if you have any questions.

Fraternally yours,

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Grand Master
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Atteste:

James Curtis
Grand Secretary

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*B. J. Longshore
Memorial Scholarship*

Application Form



*Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Texas
3440 W. Second Avenue
Corsicana, TX 75110-2414
1-844-872-7438*

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The B. J. Longshore Memorial Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the B. J. Longshore Memorial Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Hold a High School Degree or its equivalent and must be planning to attend or currently attending a college, university, or technical school within the State of Texas.
- Must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA upon completion of their High School studies.
- Complete an application in its entirety to include scholastic and leadership qualifications as well as financial data.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms for the B. J. Longshore Memorial Scholarship are available from the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Texas at the following address:

Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Texas
3440 West Second Avenue
Corsicana, TX 75110

The completed applications and required documentation must be returned to the above listed address by May 30, 2026 to be considered.

The recipient of the annual scholarship will be announced as soon as possible after June 12, 2026 and all applicants will be notified.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The deadline for submitting an application is May 30, 2026. Applications received after this date will be rejected.

Send only the documents and information requested on the application. Do not send any other documentation or surplus information not requested.

Documents will not be returned. Therefore, please send copies of all supporting documentation with the exception of school transcripts which must be originals. **SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE OFFICIAL AND MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE ISSUED BY THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL.**

Students receiving the B. J. Longshore Memorial Scholarship will be required to maintain a 2.5 GPA. Failure to do so will result in revocation of the scholarship.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. **IMPORTANT:** Please read and follow all instructions carefully. Your ability to properly follow instructions will be considered in our selection process.

The decisions of the Grand Lodge Executive Committee are final.

APPLICATION
B. J. Longshore Memorial Scholarship

The Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Texas
3440 West Second Avenue
Corsicana, TX 75110
1-844-872-7438

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS
Answer every question carefully and completely.
Type or print clearly and legibly

Date: _____

1. Name of Applicant _____
2. Phone Number _____
3. Permanent Address _____
4. Date of Birth: _____
5. Social Security Number _____
6. Name of College/University/Trade School _____
7. Address of School (Registrar) _____
8. Grade Level ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Post Graduate
9. Degree for which you are preparing _____
10. Father's Name _____
11. Father's Address _____
12. Mother's Name _____
13. Mother's Address _____
14. Are you married? ____ Yes ____ No Name of Spouse _____
15. Number of Dependents and Ages _____
16. If you are a minor and have a Legal Guardian, give name of Guardian _____
17. Guardian's Address _____
18. Do you have affiliation with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows? _____ If, yes, describe your affiliation: _____
19. Are you receiving or expect to receive any other Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, or other student aid? ____ Yes ____ No If so, please list each with the dollar amount

20. Do you, or does anyone as payee for you, receive:
 - a. Social Security Benefits: ____ Yes ____ No
 - b. Veterans Administration Benefits ____ Yes ____ No
 - c. G.I. Bill Benefits ____ Yes ____ No
 - d. Trust Fund Payments ____ Yes ____ NoIf so, indicate source and monthly or other periodic amount _____

24. Please indicate your income level.

Note: If you are under 21 years of age, your parents or guardians' income must also be included.

- _____ Under \$20,000
- _____ \$20,000 - \$39,999
- _____ \$40,000 - \$59,999
- _____ \$60,000 - \$79,999
- _____ \$80,000 - \$99,999
- _____ \$100,000 and above

25. Please attach An Official Transcript of your most recent grades. **TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE OFFICIAL AND IN A SEALED ENVELOPE ISSUED BY YOUR SCHOOL.**

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information reported in this application is complete, accurate, and correct.

Signature of Applicant

ODD FELLOW OR REBEKAH LODGE ENDORSEMENT

Note: This section is to be completed only if you have Odd Fellow affiliation. (A member yourself, or if you have a family member in the Order.)

I hereby certify that _____ has affiliation with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows through the following means: _____

Date

Signature of Lodge Secretary

(S E A L)

Lodge Name and Number

Please return the completed application by May 30, 2026 to:

Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Texas
Attn: B. J. Longshore Scholarship Committee
3440 W. Second Avenue
Corsicana, TX 75110