



Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma

Masonry in Action Award - Application

The Masonic Charity Foundation appreciates the fine charitable work being done by the lodges across the state. To honor these achievements and encourage continued growth in fraternal and community charitable efforts, the Foundation has established the Masonry in Action Award.

The Masonry in Action Award is designed to provide special recognition of two lodges each calendar year in their communities by providing a **\$5,000 grant** to be awarded to the organization(s) selected by the winning Lodge.

PRIZES AWARDED:

A **\$5,000 grant** on behalf of the winning lodge, given to the organization(s) of the Lodge's choice. A total of **two** \$5,000 grants will be awarded for the calendar year.

WHO CAN APPLY:

Any Masonic Lodge in Oklahoma! If your lodge has participated in any of the Masonic Charity Foundation's programs during the calendar year, your lodge could be a recipient of the Masonry in Action Award!

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Award recipients will be selected based on Lodge participation in the programs offered by the Masonic Charity Foundation. These programs have been divided into four categories: 1) Promises Matter Grant and Promises Matter Matching Funds utilization (40% of score), 2) response to the Grand Master's charitable appeals (30% of score), 3) Lodge support of Public Education programs (20% of score), and 4) community charitable activity (10% of score). Each lodge's application will be scored by the award committee based on specifically identified criteria related to these categories.

The scoring criteria have been designed to give every lodge equal opportunity to be the recipient of the award. However, to recognize the efforts of lodges of all membership sizes, one winning lodge will be chosen from "small" lodges in the state (fewer than 100 members), and one winning lodge will be chosen from "large" lodges in the state (100 or more members).

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit your Lodge's application by March 31st. An application form is attached. All information requested on the form must be completed based on the preceding calendar year. For example, if you are applying in 2022, your application should be completed based on Lodge activity January through December of 2021. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Direct all questions to the Masonic Charity Foundation office at 405-348-7500.

Submit completed applications via mail to:

Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma
PO Box 2406
Edmond, OK 73083

Fax to 405-348-9031
information@mcfok.org

Lodge Participation Checkup

Is your lodge participating in these programs?

- ***Promises Matter Matching Funds***: This program matches funds raised or donated by the Lodge for the benefit of Master Masons and their wives/widows/mothers, Masonic orphans, and female members of the Eastern Star. The Matching Funds program essentially **DOUBLES** the financial gifts the Lodge makes. Caring for fraternal brethren and their families is a priority for every Mason. Look for opportunities to help brothers in need.
- ***Promises Matter Grants***: When a Master Mason or his wife/widow/mother/orphan or a female member of the Eastern Star has a financial need beyond what can be provided by the Lodge and Matching Funds, the grant program provides additional financial assistance. Actively follow up with brothers in need to make sure their needs have been met.
- ***Grand Master's Charitable Appeals***: The Foundation matches the financial contribution each lodge makes to the Grand Master's appeals for funding to support fraternity-sponsored charitable projects intended to enhance the Fraternity's statewide impact. Support the Grand Master's appeals!
- ***Community Matching Funds***: This program matches funds raised or donated by the Lodge for the benefit of the community. Have a charitable presence in your community! Create opportunities for the Lodge to be seen by members of the community in a positive light, and make a difference!

Is your lodge a prominent supporter of public education in your community?

- Reach out to **Senior Essay Contest** winners!
- Interact with the students and teachers recognized in the **Student of Today** and **Teacher of Today** programs!
- Utilize opportunities for the Lodge to be seen at award and **recognition ceremonies** by having lodge members present!

**If your lodge is active in the programs offered by the Foundation,
"Toot your own horn"!**

MASONRY IN ACTION AWARD

APPLICATION

For charitable activity during the year ended December 31, 2022

Lodge Name: _____ No. _____ A.F. & A. M.

Contact person name: _____ Telephone: _____

PART 1: PROMISES MATTER GRANTS

- 1) List each Promises Matter Grant completed by your lodge.
- 2) For each project, list any other assistance provided by the lodge. For instance, did your lodge donate labor?

GRANT Recipient Name	Lodge contributions to this need other than grant or matching funds (Example: donated labor, transportation assistance, etc)

PART 2: PROMISES MATTER MATCHING FUNDS

- 1) List each Promises Matter Matching Funds project completed by your lodge.
- 2) For each project, list any other assistance provided by the lodge. For instance, did your lodge donate labor?

MATCHING FUNDS Recipient Name	Lodge contributions to this need other than matching funds (Example: donated labor, transportation assistance, etc)

PART 3: Grand Master's Appeals

Lodge contribution to **OETA charitable appeal**: \$ _____

Lodge contribution to **Food Bank charitable appeal**: \$ _____

PART 4: Public Education Support: SENIOR ESSAY CONTEST

Total number of schools in the Lodge's service area: _____

Number of schools serviced by the Lodge who participated in the Senior Essay program: _____

Did a member of the lodge present awards to Senior Essay winners? _____

How were each of the winners recognized?

PART 5: Public Education Support: STUDENT OF TODAY (SOT) / TEACHER OF TODAY (TOT)

Total number of schools in the Lodge's service area: _____

Number of schools serviced by the Lodge who participated in the SOT/TOT program: _____

Was a Lodge member present at the award presentations for ALL of the schools serviced by the Lodge? _____

How were each of the winners recognized? (eg. Award dinner, prize money, newspaper article, etc.):

PART 7: *Optional TIEBREAKER

If your Lodge has gone the extra mile (or two!) in its charitable work this year, make it known! Make your 30-second pitch for why your Lodge should WIN!!

PART 8: Beneficiary Selection

Describe the charitable or educational organization or project which **your Lodge has voted** to allocate prize monies to if selected as the Masonry In Action Award winner. The Lodge may choose to allocate funds to more than one beneficiary or project. Attach additional pages if needed.

***PLEASE NOTE: The recipient organization(s) or project(s) **MUST BE FOR CHARITABLE OR EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT**, and are subject to final approval by the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma.

FIRST BENEFICIARY CHOICE:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____ Telephone number: _____

Amount of prize monies to be allocated to this recipient: \$ _____

Description of organization and/or project:

SECOND BENEFICIARY CHOICE:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____ Telephone number: _____

Amount of prize monies to be allocated to this recipient: \$ _____

Description of organization and/or project:

PART 9: Attestation

I hereby attest that the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the beneficiary information provided is the result of Lodge vote at a regularly scheduled stated Lodge Business Meeting held on

_____.

Signature of Worshipful Master

Signature of Lodge Secretary

(SEAL)

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March 31, 2023

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