



Rules Governing Roma Lodge Awards

Cash awards of \$500.00 maximum may be awarded only to worthy recipients: Committee to Decide

Any high school senior student who is a member or whose parents are members of the Roma Lodge for at least one (1) year or six (6) months for 1996-1997 may apply for the award.

The students will be selected on the following basis: Scholarship, Character, Personality, Disposition, Ambition, Athletic Ability, and General Worthiness.

A committee will be appointed by the President of Roma Lodge of Tulare who with his assistants, will select the applicants to receive the cash awards which will be presented together with Certificates of Merit at the appropriate time and place at each school.

The decision of the Roma Lodge committee will be final and not subject to review.

The presentations will be made by the Scholarship Committee Chairperson of the Roma Lodge, or by any representative that the chairperson appoints.

The purpose of the above awards is to encourage students to seek higher education.

In addition to the "required facts" the following will be required"

1. A recent photograph of the student.
2. Activities record sheets filled out.
3. A statement of not more than 200 words in the student's own handwriting summarizing activities and accomplishments which the student thinks will qualify him/her for one of the awards.
4. Transcript is required and may be obtained at the high school office.
5. Bind all papers in a heavy paper binding on the left side with student's name in the upper right hand corner on the outside.
6. All applicants must be submitted to the secretary or Committee Chairperson of the Roma Lodge by May 1st. Late applications will not be considered.

***Chronology of Lodge Minutes
Dealing with Scholarship Program***

June 3, 1996- Ed Dutto, Scholarship Chair, announced we have 3 winners and the awards will be presented this week, 2 will be lodge scholarships and 1 will be in memory of Pete Alippi. Committee suggests we raise the amount given to \$400. A motion by Ed Dutto and seconded by Fred Miguel to increase the amount to \$400 was passed after much discussion because the memorial scholarship would remain at \$300. A motion by Dave DePaoli and seconded by Frank Marinelli to add \$100 to the Alippi Scholarship was defeated after much discussion.

It was discussed how scholarships are given and need to decide before applications are sent out. A motion by Larry Dutto and seconded by Pete Girado to give a memorial scholarship in addition to regular lodge scholarships and to review the rules by the committee and bring back to members for approval was passed.

August 1996- Ed Dutto, Scholarship Chair, reported his committee met and reviewed the rules for scholarships. Applications will be resented next month. He also reported \$675.00 was donated this past month.

Sept 3, 1996- Ed Dutto, Scholarship Chair, reported on some rule changes for scholarship applications. A copy will be given to the recording secretary. A motion by Ed and seconded by Mary Ann Luis to raise the maximum award to \$500 and be a member for at least 1 year was passed. A discussion on having a separate checking account for scholarships was suggested and would be reviewed by the board of trustees.

May 5, 1997- Anthony DeRose requested the lodge raise scholarship amounts. The president explained we had raised the maximum amount to \$500 each. We will discuss more after this year's awards are made.

July 7, 1997- Ed Dutto, Scholarship Chair, reported \$4,377.69 in the scholarship account. He announced he had a booklet on the rules for applying for the Grand Lodge Scholarships and grants. His committee had not met to discuss the increase of scholarship awards.

November 1998- Ed Dutto, Scholarship Chair, gave the rules to the secretary for the book.



Scholarship Concerns & Recommendations

Concerns

- ❖ That the rules for selection of the scholarship recipients have never been voted upon by the lodge membership.
- ❖ That the criteria for selection of scholarship recipients is too subjective. Should there have been a point system for grade point average, activities, etc.
- ❖ That the committee's actions are final and not approved by the membership of the lodge.
- ❖ That the Roma Lodge President was not consulted in the selection process as stated in the rules. The role of the president is to protect the interest of the lodge and carryout their wishes in a democratic process.
- ❖ That by giving varying amounts to recipients it only creates hard feelings among members and their families.
- ❖ Scholarships are given for a student's past accomplishments rather than their future activities. Therefore, once a student can verify they are enrolled in college they should be given the full amount of the scholarship to do with it as they choose.

Recommendations

- ❖ That the lodge budget a set amount to be given for scholarships at the time the annual budget is determined for the fiscal year.
- ❖ That each applicant, that meets the Roma Lodge requirements, be given the same amount.
- ❖ That the deadline for scholarship applications be moved to April 1st of each calendar year.
- ❖ That the scholarship committee meet with the Roma Lodge President or their designee to decide the scholarship winners and report to the lodge for final approval at the May meeting each year.
- ❖ That the lodge forward, to the student's college of choice, the scholarship for distribution to the student at the college's discretion.