

**Bylaw Amendment**  
**Section 67. By-Laws Governing Grand Chapter – ESTARL Committee**

**Currently reads:**

**Section 67. ESTARL COMMITTEE** (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) shall receive and review all applications for awards. The number of awards shall be determined by the number of applicants and the financial need of the applicant. The awards shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and awards of a lesser amount may be determined by the committee. The number of such awards available by using CD interest and savings account interest from the previous fiscal year (August 31) and all donations contributed to the ESTARL fund between June 1st of the previous fiscal year and May 31st of the current fiscal year, except such contributions designated by the donor to become a part of the permanent fund. Remaining funds not given in awards shall revert back to the ESTARL Fund to draw interest and will be added to the following year ESTARL Fund.

a. Purpose: Grant awards to individuals preparing for leadership in religious service to include ministers, missionaries, directors of church music and/or religious education and counselors of youth leadership in an accredited institution of higher education.

b. Eligibility: The recipient of an award shall have completed a four-year high school program or its equivalent. Preference will be given to members of the Order of the Eastern Star or those who have Masonic or Eastern Star relationships, although this is not a requirement. The applicant must be a resident of South Dakota.

c. Application: The applicant shall submit all forms provided by the ESTARL Chairperson to include a brief resume, a photograph, name and address of school to attend, address where applicant can be contacted, a recent official transcript of credit from an accredited institution and a statement of financial need. Three (3) character references sent with name and address to chairperson (one reference must be from a minister or religious leader). All applications must be received by the ESTARL Chairperson no later than May 1st preceding the fall term to be considered for an award.

d. NO more than four (4) awards shall be awarded to one person. The award money shall be payable to the order of the school and the "student" jointly, wherever the student is enrolled. Awards are to be made for one year, subject to renewal with a letter stating continuation of education, the latest transcript of credit and a reference letter from a teacher/administrator/counselor in the applicant's program. This must be submitted by May 1st to receive an award.

e. The Committee meets by June 15th to select the awardees using the approved criteria. The number of awards will be determined by the available funds.

f. The Chairperson sends all application forms to interested candidates, arranges a meeting of the Committee to review applicants, notifies all those who have applied if chosen or not, notifies the Grand Secretary of the awardees so proper warrants may be drawn, notifies the awardees' local news media, selects a speaker for the Opening Evening of Grand Chapter and determines if an awardee is no longer in the religious field (name to be given to the Grand Trustees). The Chairperson will submit a short summary on past awardees to be printed in the Proceedings and keep an accurate account of all expenses and submit to the Board of Grand Trustees.

g. All Committee members will promote ESTARL whenever possible, (when visiting other Chapters, publicity, churches and community events), help in the selection of the awardees and attend Grand Chapter, if possible, to be recognized.

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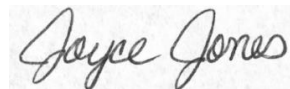
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**Reason:** To allow for these funds to be invested to potentially see increased gains.


Proposed by Grand Trustees:



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