

### **Peter F. Geolot Continuing Education Grants Career Enrichment Grants**

The Educational Foundation, IOOF endorses career development by supporting members who wish to enroll in continuing education courses in job related fields, or for enrollment in continuing education courses in a new field to further their occupational goals. Grant funds have been provided from the impetus of Peter F. Geolot, an Odd Fellow member of the District of Columbia, as an incentive for individual growth and development.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. The grant application should be made at least 60 days before the grant funds are required.
2. Grant applicants must be member of a branch the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
3. Eligible expenses:
  - a. Required books/publications for continuing education courses.
  - b. Tuition and student fees for continuing education courses.
4. Individuals may apply for up to \$1,500.00 for expenses not covered by their employer or someone else.
5. The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the applicant's Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, with the Lodge seal affixed, to verify membership.

### **Glen Coursey Agriculture Scholarship**

Glenn Coursey grew up on a farm in Warren county, Illinois. He worked for the State Highway Department, eventually becoming employed as a railway postal clerk. He also farmed most of his life. A bequest from his estate was received in 2007 to fund this scholarship.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Students who have completed one semester in college in an agriculture field and have an average to above average academic record. They must show a need for financial assistance, demonstrate leadership ability, be enrolled in an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technology school and pursue a career in agriculture

Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. \*\*\* See Note at End Regarding Policy on Relatives

The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the applicant or relative's Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, with the Lodge seal affixed, to verify membership. Completed Applications are due by May 15th. Winners will be notified prior to August 1st.

### **Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**

This scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00 is intended for students who are not the traditional person who attends college after graduating from high school. One-half of the award will be paid prior to enrollment of the student. One-half of the award will be paid when the Educational Foundation receives a transcript of the student's grades for the semester for which the student was enrolled to receive the payment of the first installment of the award.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Students who are at least 30 years of age and not dependent upon parents or another person for support, or who are married and not dependent upon parents or another person, other than their spouse, for support, or who are supporting their own child and not dependent upon parents or another person for support.

Applicants must be, or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. \*\*\* See Note at End Regarding Policy on Relatives

1. The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the applicant or relative's Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, with the Lodge seal affixed, to verify membership.
2. Students must have earned a high school degree or equivalent.
3. The funds may be used for tuition, books and other educational expenses including transportation and child care.

Completed applications are due by May 15th. Winners will be notified prior to August 1.

### **Iowa Nursing Scholarships**

There are two Iowa Nursing scholarships. One for Degree Based Programs (\$3,000.00) and one for CNA/LPN Certificate based programs (\$1,500.00). The scholarships are based on leadership qualifications and financial need. The Degree Program applicant must complete one semester in college and be enrolled in an

associate, baccalaureate, masters or other degree program related field in nursing. The Certificate Program applicant must be pursuing an accredited academic nursing program and be enrolled in an LPN/CNA certificate or diploma related field in nursing. Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. \*\*\* See Note at End Regarding Policy on Relatives

1. The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the applicant or relative's Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, with the Lodge seal affixed, to verify membership.
2. Completed Applications are due by May 15th. Winners will be notified prior to August 1st.

### **How to obtain an application for a Loan, Scholarship or Grant?**

Applications for the Continuing Education Grant and all scholarships, except the Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship and the Loan Application, can be downloaded from [www.ioof.org](http://www.ioof.org), click "Our Programs", Click "Educational Foundation".

Any application, including the Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship and the Loan Application can be obtained by contacting:

R. Kenneth Babb  
Educational Foundation, IOOF  
P.O. Box 20455  
Winston-Salem, NC 27120

EMAIL requests can be sent to:  
[rkbabb1@bellsouth.net](mailto:rkbabb1@bellsouth.net)

\*\*\* A relative of an applicant shall be defined as the applicant's living spouse, parent, grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister or parent of a spouse of the applicant; and also shall include the applicant's deceased spouse, parent, grandparent or great grandparent.



## **The Educational Foundation Independent Order of Odd Fellows Loan and Scholarship Programs**

### **What Is the Educational Foundation and What Is Its Purpose?**

The EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows began its operation on September 20, 1927.

The purpose of the Foundation is to operate a revolving loan fund for qualified students dependent in part, or wholly, on their own efforts for an education, and to award scholarships to students based on scholarship, leadership and financial need.

Since the Foundation beginning the donations of approximately \$5,800,000 have made it possible for over 3,500 young people to receive student low interest loans amounting to over \$7,500,000, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship awards



## The Loan Program

### Who Is Eligible to Receive a Loan?

It is required that applicants must be, or have a relative who is an active member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. A student desiring a loan must write personally to the Executive Director for an application. A maximum of \$16,000 can be borrowed for a complete course of four years or more. The maximum is \$5,000 for one year of study. All applicants must be attending school halftime or more to be eligible. The method of lending is as follows:

Freshman year	\$3,000
Sophomore year	\$4,000
Junior year	\$4,000
Senior year	\$5,000

### The Loan Requirements

Students enrolled in 2 or 4 year college programs must establish one grading period with at least a "C" average in an accredited college or university before receiving loans.

### The Interest Rate and Repayment

The Interest Rate is 4%. Interest begins the day the check is mailed from the office to the student. Interest is paid each year while the student is in school. Interest payments are paid by July 1st each year until the borrower has graduated or discontinued school.

Repayment of loans must begin 3 months after the student has graduated or discontinued school.

3 months after graduation or leaving school . . . . . No payments

From 3 months to 9 months after graduation or leaving school . . . . . \$50 per month plus interest

Second year after graduation or leaving school . . . . . \$75 per month plus interest

Third year and thereafter until loan is paid in full . . . . . \$100.00 per month, plus interest

## The Scholarship Program

The Foundation has expanded its educational investment in students by providing Scholarships.

### What Scholarships Are Available from the Educational Foundation?

1. Ingstrom Trust Regional Scholarship. . \$4,000.00
2. Charles & Christine Wirz Scholarship. . \$2,000.00
3. Betty Moates Science and Technology Scholarship . . . . . \$5,000.00
4. Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship . . . . . \$15,000.00
5. Peter F. Geolot Continuing Education Career Enrichment Grants . . . . . \$1,500.00
6. Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Vocational Technology Scholarship . . . . . \$1,000.00
7. Coursey Agriculture Scholarship . . . \$3,000.00
8. Non-Traditional Student Scholarship. . \$3,000.00
9. Iowa Nursing Degree Program Scholarship . . . . . \$3,000.00
10. Iowa CNA/LPN Scholarship . . . . . \$1,500.00

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS?

#### Ingstrom Trust Regional Scholarship

The regional scholarships are based on Financial Need, Scholarship and Leadership. \$4,000.00 is awarded annually to a student in each of 15 Regions of the US & Canada.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must have completed one grading period in a College or University.
2. Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellows or Rebekah Lodge. \*\*\* See Note at End Regarding Policy on Relatives
3. The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the applicant or relative's Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, with the Lodge seal affixed, to verify membership.
4. Completed Applications are due by May 15th.
5. Winners will be notified prior to August 1st.

#### Charles J. & Christine Wirz Scholarship

The Wirz scholarships are based on Financial Need, Scholarship and Leadership. Usually, two \$2,000.00 scholarships are awarded annually to students without regard to Order affiliation.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must have completed one grading period in a College or University.
2. The Application must have a Lodge endorsement with the Lodge seal affixed.
3. Available to US & Canadian applicants only.
4. Completed Applications are due by May 15th.
5. Winners will be notified prior to August 1st.

#### Betty Moates Science and Technology Scholarship

The Betty Moates Science and Technology scholarships are based on Financial Need, Scholarship and Leadership. \$5,000.00 Scholarships are awarded annually to students pursuing a major in medical technology, chemistry, biology, mathematics or an education major to teach in one of the aforementioned majors.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must have completed one year in a College or University.
2. Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. \*\*\* See Note at End Regarding Policy on Relatives
3. The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the applicant or relative's Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, with the Lodge seal affixed, to verify membership.
4. Completed Applications are due by May 15th.
5. Winners will be notified prior to August 1st.

#### Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship

Christine Smith served as a member of the Educational Foundation, IOOF for 24 years. Her generosity through her estate has initiated the

Educational Foundation's Graduate Studies Scholarship to respond to the need for research and study focused on Children & Family issues.

The scholars who receive the \$15,000.00 Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarships conduct critical inquiry and evaluation that impacts the disadvantaged and under served, becoming highly trained professionals working in the area of social intervention after completing a specialized program at the masters or doctoral level addressing the needs of society relating to Children & Family issues.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Have two or more years of recent professional experience in the field of social work or a related field.
2. Propose a program of study specializing in children and families, at the graduate level. Submit evidence of graduate school admission
3. to an accredited university. Preference will be given to US & Canadian
4. applicants.

#### Vocational Technology Scholarship

The Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Vocational Technology scholarships are based on Financial Need and Leadership. This scholarship evolved from the Lawson/Pezo scholarships that were awarded in 2005 from the efforts of LaVaughn Lawson, PSGM and Martha Pezo, PP. \$1,000.00 is awarded to eligible students annually.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must have completed High School or have a GED equivalent.
2. Applicants must be a member of the Order or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. \*\*\* See Note at End Regarding Policy on Relatives
3. The Application must be signed by the Secretary of the applicant or relative's Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, with the Lodge seal affixed, to verify membership.
4. Completed Applications are due by May 15th.
5. Winners will be notified prior to August 1st.