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MASONIC YOUTH MINUTES



WANTED: College Students Seeking Financial Help

Each year the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation offers an array of scholarships to Pennsylvania Masons, their children and grandchildren, and members of the Masonic Youth Groups. The goal of the Youth Foundation is to help provide resources to Masonic Youth in order to help them further their education. The guide has information on over 70 scholarship opportunities. Since 1990, the Foundation has given away over 1 million dollars in scholarships and grants to help eligible and needy young people.



The 2017 Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide is now available on the PMYF website (pmyf.org) with all available scholarships listed. The application can be found on the website as well, and it makes you eligible for many of the scholarships, **but not all**. Please read each scholarship summary carefully as some scholarships require separate applications. Copies of the Guide have been mailed to all Lodge Secretaries and Lodge Youth Chairmen.

Many local lodges and organizations offer their own scholarships, some of which can be found in this guide. The process of reviewing each summary and applying for the scholarships is time consuming and very detailed, but can be beneficial in the end!

The application includes information about your school; including transcripts, personal information, and extracurricular activities. The application also includes an essay assessment. Necessary information can vary by application so be sure to read all the way through! Most common mistakes include not providing all information asked for by the required date, and forgetting to complete a section. Applications must be mailed to the Youth Foundation Office in Elizabethtown by March 15. Some scholarships have other deadlines, so carefully review each one.

MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE GUIDE



Scholarship, grant, and loan opportunities primarily for Masons, their siblings, children, grandchildren and members of the Masonic-related youth groups.

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The complete text of this booklet, and the application for the PMYF Scholarship, can be found on the internet at www.pmyf.org

Do you know a college student who can benefit from our Masonic Scholarships? Provide them this guide and help them locate the application. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation take pride in providing opportunities to our youth, so make sure everyone eligible gets that chance!

Visit the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation at www.pmyf.org

Pledges Enjoy Rainbow Activities



On August 19-21, 2016, Rainbow held its first Patton weekend since Grand Assembly. It was the Grand Officer Training and Pledge Prospect Weekend. This weekend had great attendance with over 135 girls and adults participating. This included 29 pledges (ages 6-10). There were many Rainbow Girls present who came through the pledge program and who served as an inspirational role model for their younger “sisters.”

While the Grand Officers practiced their ritual, and attended expectation and leadership seminars, the younger girls enjoyed games, crafts, tie-dying and swimming. There were also two Pledge meetings held for the young ones to learn and participate. Three Pledges joined the Harrisburg Assembly #85 Shining Stars Pledge group. Overall, the weekend was a great success for PA Rainbow.



Change is Good



For many years, the PA Job's Daughters hosted a co-ed Flag football tournament at Patton Campus in September. This year, a change to this program was developed by two young majority members who provided a weekend of training and leadership development for those who attended, in a format that was never used before. Various workshops and activities were held that highlighted the topics of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Each topic spotlighted women who were successful in each of these fields, and followed with related activities. For example, the technology workshop provided education around successful women in the world of Google, YouTube, and other technological

careers to which today's youth could relate. This was followed up by a task to create a one minute promotional video in small groups, to be used in the future.

Other activities involved drawing a self-portrait, and teams working together to create an “engineering tool” to protect an egg from cracking after an 8-foot drop. The overall concept of the weekend was to show that being a strong woman, in whatever you wish to do, will provide you success. The Daughters who attended the weekend felt like they learned not only about women in many different careers, but also a little bit about themselves. Mission accomplished!

How To Use This Publication

The Masonic Youth Minutes is published by the PA Masonic Youth Foundation to share ideas and to inspire Masonic leaders to creatively support the Masonic Youth Groups. It is mailed to all Worshipful Masters, Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Youth Chairmen, and Masonic Youth Group Leaders. All Lodge Youth Chairmen are asked to make a 1-minute report at each Lodge meeting, sharing at least one article of interest with the members. Permission is granted to make copies of this publication and to freely distribute them to all who have an interest in the youth of Pennsylvania. The Masonic Youth Minutes is also available online at www.pmyf.org.

Visit the PA Rainbow website at www.parainbowgirls.org

Fall Bullying Schedule



The term, bully, refers to a person who imposes unwanted behavior on another individual. This can be done verbally, physically, or even through social media (Facebook, twitter, text message.) Bullying can cause emotional harm that can potentially be permanent.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation has taken the lead in the effort to educate schools and other youth-related programs about bullying. Educators and administrators have been provided courses conducted by Mrs. Deborah McCoy, whose 25 years of education experience helps them establish consistent policies to prevent bullying behavior. School administrators from all over Pennsylvania have taken these courses to better understand two questions; "Why does bullying take place?" and "How can I

prevent it?" Occasionally she conducts an "Empowering Bystanders" workshop for youth in a school to establish a peer leadership program that will teach anti-bullying skills, such as the one depicted here, held at the Bellefonte Area High School in October. The fall schedule has been posted and there are still spaces available for many of the classes. Each class is only \$10 to register. Participating teachers can receive ACT 48 credits, and social workers can receive NASW continuing education credits for attending these sessions. Classes fill up quick, so register soon to reserve a spot. For more information about the PMYF anti-bullying campaign, or to register for one of the courses, please visit www.pmyf.org.

Make the Call with Call-Em-All

In the days of modern technology, we tend to rely mostly on text messaging and social media to find out what is going on in the world. Although this may be the case, it's still nice to receive a good old fashioned phone call. Call-Em-All makes this process a lot easier and it is offered at no cost to all of our youth groups, thanks to the Masons of PA.

The Call-Em-All system allows you to record a single message and send it to the entire group. The Call-Em-All website walks you through the process step by step. You can choose whether the message goes to everyone or a select group of people. It also allows

you to choose when the message is sent. Rather than being on the phone all day making phone calls, this program makes it a 5 to 10 minute process. Text messages are available through the Call-Em-All setup as well.



An application must be filled out and sent back to the PMYF office in order to set up Call-Em-All for your group. The application is on our website at pmyf.org. Fill out this application and we will provide you with the details to set up Call-Em-All for your Masonic youth group.



Visit the PA Job's Daughters website at www.paiojd.org

Masonic Youth Aprons Still Available



A few years ago, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Jay Smith created a Blue Lodge Masonic Apron which is exclusive for adult leaders that actively work within the Masonic Youth Groups. This Masonic Youth Leader Apron is distributed through the PMYF office and is available to any active advisor for Rainbow, Job's Daughters and DeMolay.

The aprons are loaned out to the Master Masons who are currently registered and trained adult leaders. Recipients of the aprons are authorized to wear them to any Blue Lodge function where a regular Masonic Apron would be worn.

Are you both a Mason and an adult volunteer? Then this apron is for you. Contact the chairman of your adult leader team and request a Masonic Youth Leader Apron. It's a great way to proudly promote both Freemasonry and our Masonic Youth!

DeMolay Goes Hollywood

Roll out the red carpet and get your camera ready! PA DeMolay is going Hollywood with this year's incentive program called "Lights, Camera, Action." The program, and all of the fun included, will be centered around the great films of our history. Some of the events included this year are Movie Mashup Weekend, a movie themed costume party, and a video contest imitating a scene from a famous movie.



One of the big draws to this year's program is the DeMolay Recruitment Pyramid of Greatness. Members are always encouraged to bring in friends to join DeMolay, and because of that they will earn a prize. For every member brought into DeMolay, a new prize is earned. Some of the prizes include a DeMolay Goes Hollywood T-Shirt, a popcorn maker, a Go Pro Camera, a personalized director's chair and a cardboard cutout of a movie character of your choice. For ten months strong, PA DeMolay has been in first place internationally in membership, with no plan to slow down anytime soon.

About PMYF and this Publication

The Mission of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation is to lead the Masonic Fraternity in providing services on behalf of young people, and training for adults who work for the betterment of youth.

To accomplish this Mission, the Foundation will enhance the programs of the Masonic Youth Groups, support initiatives to keep children safe from violence, abuse and exploitation, and provide specialized education for adults who offer leadership to youth in the Commonwealth.

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