

Education Grant Partnership Q&A

○ **Q: Who fills out and submits the application?**

○ **A:** The Lodge Secretary must fill out the application. The application should be signed by the Lodge Secretary and the Worshipful Master. We do not accept applications from students or their parents/guardians/relatives.

○ **Q: Can I use the Education Grant for my daughter/son/granddaughter/grandson?**

○ **A:** The Education Grant Partnership is a Lodge based program. To apply for this grant, please contact your local Lodge to see if they are offering scholarships and applying for the grant.

○ **Q: Can the Education Grant Partnership be used for Vocational or Trade schools?**

○ **A:** Yes! IMCAP also has a grant specifically for Vocational and/or Trade students. For more information visit <https://imcap.org/vocational-training-grant>

○ **Q: What does MATCHED and UNMATCHED mean?**

○ **A:** MATCHED: IMCAP will match the amount that the Lodge awarded to the student up to \$1000 per Lodge. Must submit copy of the Lodge check.

UNMATCHED: IMCAP will provide \$1000 per Lodge to student(s). Lodge check is not required.

○ **Q: Can a Lodge apply for both MATCHED and UNMATCHED grants?**

○ **A:** Yes! Lodges can apply for both MATCHED and UNMATCHED grants. You do not need to choose between the two.

○ **Q: Can I give the same student a MATCHED and UNMATCHED grant?**

○ **A:** Yes! If you would like to award a student both grants, you may do so. For the MATCHED portion, the Lodge will need to provide a copy of the Lodge check given to the student.

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○ **Q: Can I split the Education Grant Partnership among multiple students?**

○ **A:** Yes! We have Lodges split the Education Grant Partnership in a variety of ways including:

- \$500 per student for two students
- \$333.33 per student for three students
- \$250 per student for four students

○ **Q: Why do you need the last four digits of the student's Social Security number and the Student ID number?**

○ **A:** IMCAP sends the grant checks directly to the student's college. In order to ensure that the funds are deposited into the correct student account, we need this identifying information.

○ **Q: What happens if a student decides to go to a different college or not attend college?**

○ **A:** If there are any changes regarding student's college plans, please inform IMCAP.

If going to a different college: IMCAP will contact the original college to receive the check back. Once received, a new check will be issued to the student's current college.

If not going to college: IMCAP will contact the college to receive the check back. If within the same fiscal year, the Lodge may award the refunded amount to a different student.

○ **Q: We are doing a scholarship this year but are not sure who we give the check to (student or the college)?**

○ **A:** Who you give your check to is up to the Lodge. IMCAP send the checks directly to the college on behalf of the student.

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○ **Q: We want to present the certificates to the student(s) at the end-of-the year awards ceremony. When should I submit the application(s)?**

○ **A:** We recommend that you submit applications by the second week of April if you are planning to present certificates at an awards ceremony. While we typically have a quick turn around on certificates, we have an increase in applications from March through June. Please keep in mind that certificates are sent via United States Postal Service and mailing speed may vary.

○ **Q: What is the Deadline for the Education Grant Partnership?**

○ **A:** The Education Grant Partnership runs from July 1st through June 30th every year. Applications can be submitted at any point. We ask that all applications for the current fiscal year be submitted a week before June 30th to allow us time to process and disburse funds for that year.

○ **Q: How do we choose a student for the Education Grant Partnership?**

○ **A:** The selection of the student(s) is all up to the Lodge. IMCAP's only criteria are the student must be 25 years old or younger and enrolled/accepted into an accredited college.

If you are just starting a scholarship program and would like some help getting set up, please contact IMCAP Program and Case Management Coordinator I, Jessica Petty at Jessica.imcap@ilmason.org

○ **Q: How do I get an Education Grant Partnership application?**

○ **A:** The application can be found at <https://imcap.org/education-grant-partnership>.