



Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369, A.F. & A.M. Mirabeau B. Lamar Scholarship Application

To apply for this award:

- 1. Fill out the Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369, A.F. & A.M. Scholarship Application (page 3).
- 2. Complete the required Essay (page 5).
- 3. Submit an **official** transcript from the High School in a **sealed** envelope with your name on the outside.
- 4. Submit at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a Teacher within the Ennis Independent School District.
- 5. Submit at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a family friend.

Submit all materials to: Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369, A.F. & A.M.
209 N. Dallas St
Ennis, TX 75119

Application materials must be submitted **together** and must be **postmarked, electronically received, or placed in the mail slot** at 209 N. Dallas St by **Mar 31, 2025**. Applications received after this date will **not** be accepted.

Scholarship Description / Purpose

This award makes it possible to honor **any** deserving student for outstanding achievement, whether in academic work, overcoming a handicap, citizenship, volunteer work in the community, sports, or other outstanding personal accomplishments. A relationship with a current or deceased Mason is **not** required for consideration. **Students desiring to be considered for these scholarships must complete and return this application to Ennis Masonic Lodge on or before the date listed above. Late submissions will not be accepted.** If selected, each student receiving a scholarship will be expected to be present at an awards ceremony held at the Ennis Masonic Lodge during the month of May.

The award, which consists of the Lamar Medal, a certificate, and a cash scholarship of no less than \$500.00 from the Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369, A.F. & A.M., will be awarded to two (2) graduating seniors at Ennis High School. Proceeds from the Scholarship(s) will be disbursed by the Treasurer of Ennis Masonic Lodge upon being presented with receipts or enrollment verification from an accredited educational institution. Applications will be "blind" scored by a committee as designated in the "Bylaws of the Corporation."

Applications will be scored and weighted in the following areas:

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| 35%: Financial Need | 20%: Community Service |
| 20%: Values | 15%: Scholastic Achievement |
| 10%: Neatness, Completeness & Presentation | |



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Who was Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar?

Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar, a member of Harmony Lodge No. 6, was born on his father's plantation in Georgia on August 16, 1798. In early life, he became an expert horseman and a proficient fencer. Although he briefly attended private academies, he rebelled against the routine of formal schooling and pursued a course of self-education. He became an insatiable reader, a gifted speaker, a skilled writer, a talented artist, a student of ancient history, and knowledgeable of the liberal arts and sciences.

A descendant of French Huguenots who fled Europe to escape persecution, Lamar developed a keen craving for individual freedoms and a growing distrust of expanding federal powers. For a time, he published a newspaper that printed poetry, much of which he wrote himself, expressing his strong feelings for states' rights.

In 1829, Lamar was elected to a term in the Georgia Senate. Sorrow over the death of his wife caused him to withdraw as a candidate for reelection in 1830. In 1832, he was defeated as a states' rights candidate for the U.S. Senate; in 1833, he was admitted to the Georgia bar; and, in 1834, he was again defeated as a states' rights candidate for the U.S. Senate. Unhappy over political defeat and despondent over the deaths of his father, a sister, and a brother, Lamar moved to Texas in 1835. He immediately declared for Texas Independence and returned to Georgia to settle personal affairs. While in Georgia, he learned of the fall of the Alamo and the defeat of Goliad. He rushed back to Texas and joined the Texas Army as a private. In a skirmish with the Mexican force on April 20, Lamar saved the lives of Thomas J. Rusk and Walter P. Lane. He was commissioned a colonel on the battlefield and assigned a cavalry to command during the Battle of San Jacinto.

Shortly after San Jacinto, Lamar was appointed secretary of war for the ad interim government of Texas. In 1836, Lamar became the first elected vice president of the Republic. On December 19, 1838, he was inaugurated as the second president of the Texas nation.

In his first address to Congress, President Lamar called for an appropriation of land to support public schools. At his urging, Congress passed the act on January 26, 1839, which set aside land for public schools and two universities. This act secured funding for a future statewide school system and laid the groundwork for higher education in Texas. The lands Lamar appropriated would later form the foundation of the Permanent University Fund (PUF), which financially supports the state's two flagship higher education institutions: The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University. His vision earned him the title "Father of Education in Texas," and his statement, "The cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy," was adopted as the motto for the University of Texas.

Although many years passed before a public school system was established, Lamar's foresight ensured that education would remain central to the development of Texas. His commitment to education exemplifies Masonic ideals of enlightenment and self-improvement. As a member of Harmony Lodge No. 6, Lamar's dedication to these principles continues to inspire the Masonic fraternity. To honor his legacy, Masonic lodges across Texas award the Mirabeau B. Lamar Scholarship, which supports the education of young Texans. By awarding these scholarships, Masons ensures Lamar's vision for public education lives on, embodying his belief that knowledge is essential to preserving liberty and democracy.



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I. Applicant Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone No: _____ (check one) Home _____ Cell _____
DOB: _____ / _____ / _____ Gender: (check one) M _____ F _____ Prefer not to say _____
Father's Name: _____ Father's Occupation: _____
Mother's Name: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____
Name(s) & Age(s) of siblings living at home: _____

Number of persons in your family attending college: _____

Total Household Income for the previous tax year: (check one)

_____ Less than \$50,000 _____ \$100,000 to \$150,000
_____ \$50,000 to \$100,000 _____ More than \$150,000

II. Masonic Affiliation

Do you have anyone in your family who was or is a Mason? _____ Y _____ N (check one)

Mason's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Lodge Name, No., & Location: _____

III. College Information

What College, University or Trade School do you plan to attend? _____

Best SAT Score: Reading: _____ Math: _____ Overall Score: _____ out of _____ maximum.

Best ACT Score: English: _____ Math: _____ Composite: _____ out of _____ maximum.

Reading: _____ Science: _____

What is your anticipated college major / trade program? _____

What is your anticipated college minor (if applicable)? _____

Colleges / Universities / Trade Schools applied to:	Accepted? (check one)	
_____	_____ Y	_____ N
_____	_____ Y	_____ N
_____	_____ Y	_____ N



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IV. High School Academic Information

Class Rank: _____ out of _____

GPA: _____ on a _____ scale.

AP Credits Earned: _____

Dual Credit Hours Earned: _____

Industrial Based Certifications: _____

V. Extra Curricular Activities & Work Experience

List all school activities you have been involved in. List all Leadership positions held. Also, list what grade in which you participated in the activity or held the leadership position:

List all special awards & honors you received while in High School. Also, list what grade in which you received the award/honor:

List all community or church activities you participated in in High School.

Do you work? _____ Y _____ N (*check one*) If yes, where? _____

Number of hours per week? _____ Are you a supervisor? _____ Y _____ N (*check one*)



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VI. Essay

Your application will not be considered without completing the essay. The essay must meet the following requirements:

- **Minimum Length:** 500 words
- **Formatting:** Double-spaced, typed, and attached as a separate document to this application
- **Essay Topic:** *What Makes You Proud to Be an American?*

Important Notice: Essays will be evaluated for originality and authenticity. All submissions will be reviewed using an AI detection tool. If your essay is determined to contain more than 50% AI-generated content, your application will be disqualified.

Permitted Use of AI Tools:

You may use AI tools for grammar correction and minor edits; however, the core ideas, structure, and majority of the writing must be your own. Submissions flagged for excessive AI use beyond the allowed threshold will not be accepted.

III. Acknowledgments

I authorize Ennis High School to release information related to, but not limited to, class rank, SAT/ACT scores, and grade point average to the Ennis Masonic Lodge Scholarship Committee for the purpose of determining recipients of this scholarship.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I certify that the above information is correct.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Counselor/Staff providing information:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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