

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR
SMITHVILLE ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH SCHOLARSHIP
SPRING 2021**

It is the purpose of this application to determine the best candidate for financial aid from this lodge. While class standing and test scores are considered, this lodge is more concerned with the financial need of the applicant and his/her family. This scholarship is available to any individual who can demonstrate not only a scholastic aptitude but also a desire to use their education in a positive manner. It is the intent of the Odd Fellows & Rebekah's of Smithville to provide such support without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin or handicap.

Applicant must be a high school senior.

Applicant must be seeking a higher education at an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.

Applicant must be a resident of the State of Texas at the time of the application.

Applicant must submit three letters of reference from persons who are familiar with your background and activities. Do not use family members. You may include a teacher, school counselor, principal, minister, youth advisor or neighbor.

Consideration will be given to academic record and achievement, character, leadership abilities, community service, personal development, order affiliation and financial need.

An essay on one of the topics listed below must accompany the application.

Essay topics:

1. Why is community service important?
2. The three links in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows symbolize friendship, love and truth. Choose one of these words and tell us what it means & symbolizes to you.
3. Why is the flag an important symbol in our society?

This essay must be between 300 and 500 words. It may be handwritten, but must be legible.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION, ESSAY, THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE AND HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.

**Smithville Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodge
406 Turney St.
Smithville, TX 78957**

EDUCATION:

Are you a high school senior? _____ Class Standing _____ Grade Point Average _____

Name of High School you attend _____

Tests taken: SAT _____ Score _____ ACT _____ Score _____ Other _____ Score _____

Have you completed in college courses _____ Please list courses and college _____

What field or trade do you plan to study? _____

What do you anticipate your total financial need to be for the school year? _____

Will you work during the school year? _____ If so, where? _____

Have you applied for or received any other scholarships or grants? _____

Sponsoring Agency	Applied for	Received	Amount

Extracurricular activities: List all activities in which you have participated in high school (clubs, athletics, years of participation, offices held, awards etc.) Attach a second sheet if necessary.

List all community services projects/work you participate in: _____

Applicant's Signature