



GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MINNESOTA

EDUCATION FOUNDATION POLICY

ADOPTED FEBRUARY, 2026

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & COMPOSITION

The Educational Foundation shall consist of five Knights Templar from within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota, each serving a five-year term. The Grand Commander shall appoint one new member annually following his installation. Ideally, this appointment shall be made by the incoming Senior Warden, as this committee member will serve as Chairman when the Senior Warden becomes Grand Commander (per tradition). The senior member in his final year shall serve as Chairman. The Grand Commander shall fill any vacancies that occur. The Grand Recorder shall serve as Secretary but shall not be a member of the committee.

MEETING PROTOCOLS

The Education Foundation Committee shall convene **no later than 60 days** following the Grand Conclave. Meetings may be conducted in person or via electronic means such as Zoom or similar platforms.

This meeting shall determine the current value of the Educational Fund investments and establish the amount to be allocated for scholarship contributions during that Templar year.

Prior to said meeting, the Chairman shall contact the Grand Treasurer to discuss the current balance of the fund for Committee discussion.

SCHOLARSHIP ALLOCATION & DISTRIBUTION

Scholarship allocations shall be set at one-half the value of the Minnesota Masonic Charities' "Selfless Scholar" scholarship amount.

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Example: If the "Selfless Scholar" Scholarship is \$5,000, the Educational Foundation contributes half (\$2,500), which is then matched by Minnesota Masonic Charities to complete the needed \$5,000.

Following the allocation decision, the Committee Chairman shall contact Minnesota Masonic Charities and inform them of the number of scholarships to be sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

Example: The Grand Commandery might sponsor 4 scholarships equaling \$10,000 total contribution at \$2,500 each.

ADMINISTRATION & REPORTING

The Chairman shall maintain contact with Minnesota Masonic Charities to obtain qualified applications (typically in April). He shall forward received applications to committee members for their review. The committee shall collectively determine which applicants to sponsor. The names of the recipients and the institutions they intend to attend shall be documented and forwarded to the Grand Recorder. The Grand Recorder shall forward this information to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America for recordkeeping and IRS filing purposes in the annual report.

The Chairman and at least one committee member shall attend the scholarship awards ceremony, presuming one is held.

The Chairman shall submit quarterly reports to the Grand Commandery as specified in the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

SUPERSEDES PRIOR POLICIES

This Policy shall supersede and replace all prior policies and understandings, oral or written, of the Education Foundation and Scholarship Foundation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.