

Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (\$500.00)

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT: Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax #: _____ E-mail: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING: _____

Hours completed _____ Hours remaining _____ Current GPA _____

LEVEL OF STUDY: Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____ Doctorate _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

By signing above the applicant attests to the accuracy of the information submitted in this application.

INFORMATION NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

Please submit information in response to the following questions:

1. A Personal statement describing why you feel you are deserving of the Sollie B. Norwood #699 Scholarship.
2. Describe how this scholarship will help you reach your career goals and increase your ability to serve the public.
3. Describe your participation/contribution in community, civic, and professional organizations, highlighting your leadership roles and periods of time in these leadership roles.
4. Provide information on the degree program being pursued.

Submittal of the above information must not exceed four (4) pages, no smaller than font size 12.

TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED

Each letter should be no longer than 1 page single-spaced, no smaller than font size 12.

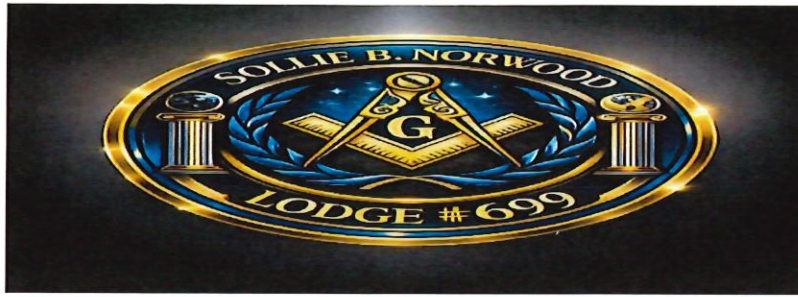
1. One letter of recommendation from a community leader indicating your leadership activities and adherence to the canons of public service.
2. One character letter from an individual you have known for at least five (5) years.

APPLICATIONS must be emailed to Sollie B. Norwood #699 Scholarship Committee

Dr. Daniel Myers - 1831 Florence Avenue – Jackson, MS 39204

Email: myersdan50@yahoo.com

Phone: 601-918-4868



Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699

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INAUGURAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699 is dedicated to the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. As part of our enduring commitment to community service and the advancement of youth, we have established the Annual Scholarship Award. This scholarship serves to recognize and support exceptional students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, and a commitment to community service. We believe that investing in education is investing in the future of our community.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

Award Name:	Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699 Academic Excellence Award
Award Amount:	\$500.00 (Non-renewable)
Number of Awards:	Based on number of scholars who apply and availability of funds/donations
Funding Use:	Tuition, books, academic fees, or room and board

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled undergraduate student.
- Must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must demonstrate financial need.

- Must reside within the local jurisdiction served by Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699 (or be a dependent of a Lodge member).
- Must display a record of community service or extracurricular involvement.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient or to his or her college financial aid department. The Lodge reserves the right to use the recipient's name and likeness for publicity regarding the scholarship program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application packet must include the following documents. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

1. **Completed Application Form:** Fill out the official application form in its entirety.
2. **Official Transcript:** A current sealed official high school or college transcript.
3. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation.
 - One from an academic source (teacher, counselor, professor).
 - One from a community source (pastor, employer, civic leader).
4. **Personal Essay:** A 500-word essay (typed, double-spaced) addressing the topic: *"How I plan to use my education to impact my community positively."*
5. **Proof of Enrollment:** Letter of acceptance or proof of current enrollment.
6. **Photo:** A professional headshot (passport style) for publication purposes if selected.

SELECTION PROCESS & EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Scholarship Committee of Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699 will review all applications blindly. Selection is based on a holistic review of the following:

- **Academic Achievement (30%):** GPA, course rigor, and academic honors.
- **Essay Quality (30%):** Clarity of thought, grammar, and relevance to the prompt.
- **Community Involvement (20%):** Leadership roles, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.
- **Letters of Recommendation (10%):** Character references and potential for success.
- **Financial Need (10%):** Demonstrated need as outlined in the application.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Event	Date
Application Period Opens	April 1, 2026
Application Deadline	June 30, 2026 (Postmarked)
Committee Review Period	July 1, 2026 – August 1, 2026
Recipients Notified	August 15, 2026
Award Presentation Ceremony	August 2026 (Date and TBD)

SUBMISSION & CONTACT INFORMATION

Please mail the completed application packet in a single large envelope to the address below or email to myersdan50@yahoo.com

Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699
Attn: Scholarship Committee Chairman
1831 Florence Avenue
Jackson, MS 39204

For questions regarding this application, please contact:

Email: myersdan50@yahoo.com

Phone: (601) 918-4868

Bro. Jason Rudd
Worshipful Master
Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699

Bro. Dr. Daniel Myers
Scholarship Committee Chair
Sollie B. Norwood Lodge #699