



Grand Assembly of Massachusetts

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Tanya M. Saggese, Supreme Deputy

ONA M. CARNES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Ona M. Carnes Scholarship is awarded based on financial need, academic rigor, and Rainbow merit to active members entering their **sophomore year** at an accredited two-year or four-year college.

Important Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be active members for a minimum of two (2) years before applying.
- Must not turn 21 before September 1st of the sophomore year.
- Scholarship recipients who receive a full scholarship from another source are ineligible.
- If the recipient changes colleges after being awarded the scholarship, reconsideration may be necessary.
- The recipient **must be present** at Grand Assembly to receive the award, or the scholarship will be forfeited.
- The scholarship amount is **\$1,500**, applied to the **second semester** of the sophomore year.
- Students must be enrolled full-time.
- Failure to meet deadlines will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
- **ALL** Information **MUST** be completed. Do not leave any line blank – use N/A if it is not applicable to you.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Assembly Name & Number: _____

Applicant Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Full Address: _____ (Street, City, Zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student ID#: _____ Entering (circle one): Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior

Name of College: _____

College Address: _____

Field of Study/Major: _____ GPA: _____

Honors & Awards Earned: _____

College Interests/Clubs/Activities (School, Church, Community): _____

Work Experience (Company, Dates, Type of Work): _____

Estimated Yearly College Expenses:

- Tuition: \$ _____
- Room/Board: \$ _____
- College Fees: \$ _____

Sources of Funding (2026/2027):

- (a) Savings: \$ _____
(b) Parental Contribution: \$ _____
(c) Scholarships: \$ _____
(d) Employment: \$ _____
(e) Grants/Work-study: \$ _____
(f) Other: \$ _____

Will you have funds to complete your degree after this scholarship? ☐ YES ☐ NO

FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC): \$ _____

*[Attach **page one** of your **2026 FAFSA returned application** to determine financial need]*

Have you previously received a Grand Assembly Scholarship? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Explain any unusual expenses (college or personal): _____

CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURES

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

MOTHER ADVISOR/CHAIRPERSON/ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER CERTIFICATION

I certify that _____ is an active member in good standing
of _____ Assembly No. _____ and is worthy of consideration.

Mother Advisor Signature: _____ Initiation Date: _____
[Assembly Seal is required]

The Mother Advisor or Advisory Board Member must sign the Merit/Service Checklist before returning the forms to the applicant for mailing.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All application materials must be **postmarked by April 15** and sent to:

VICTORIA MAJOR
225 EASTERN AVE
GLOUCESTER, MA 01930

A **complete application** must include the following documentation:

- **Personal Letter** from the applicant outlining aims, goals, and achievements (neatness, spelling, and grammar matter).
- **Official Transcript of Grades** from the **freshman year of college** (must be sent directly or included, postmarked by April 15).
- **Merit/Service Checklist** signed by your Mother Advisor or an Advisory Board Member.
- **FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).**
- **Two (2) Letters of Support:** One from your Mother Advisor and one from either another Advisory Board Member or a college professor. **Family members may not submit letters.**
- **Assembly Seal** must be affixed to page 2 of the application.

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PROCESS

The Scholarship Review Committee follows a structured and fair process to review all applications. This process includes the following:

- **Eligibility & Application Submission**
 - Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the scholarship guidelines.
 - Applications must be submitted by the stated deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- **Initiation Screening**
 - Applications are reviewed for completeness and eligibility.
 - Any missing documents or failure to meet basic qualifications may result in disqualification.
- **Evaluation Process**
 - Eligible applications are evaluated based on a standardized system which considers the following:
 - Academic performance
 - Leadership & community involvement
 - Personal essay quality and alignment with scholarship values
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Financial need
- **Notification & Distribution Award**
 - Selected recipients will be notified prior to Grand Assembly.
 - Scholarship funds will be awarded in accordance with the scholarship guidelines (e.g. directly to the recipient or to their educational institution).
- **Confidentiality & Fairness**
 - All application materials and committee discussions are kept confidential.
 - The committee is committed to a fair and unbiased selection process.

By submitting an application, you acknowledge and agree to the review process outlined above.

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION:

Committee Members present:

☐ APPROVED

☐ DENIED

Date: _____