



**APPLICATION FOR BENEVOLENCE
GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

Name _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Number _____

Are you a member of the Order of the Eastern Star? _____ Yes _____ No

Chapter Name _____ No. _____ District _____

Do you have any dependents? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please specify:

Spouse _____ Minor Children (number) _____ Others _____

Do they contribute to the household expenses? _____ Yes _____ No

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATED MONTHLY NET INCOME _____

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSE _____

Explain in detail the reason(s) aid is requested and provide other information you would like to share with the investigating committee.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Applicant is eligible to apply to only one Eastern Star Assistance Fund per 12 month period.

Instructions for Application for Benevolence

Refer to Section 28 of the By-Laws of Grand Chapter for the criteria and complete instructions to be followed when applying for benevolent aid. Each completed application represents a need; therefore it is imperative that the application be filled out correctly and completely before forwarding to the Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee. This will enable the committee to act upon the application as expeditiously as possible.

Below is a summary of the criteria for applying and investigating an application for benevolent aid:

Financial assistance is available for worthy indigent persons. Applicants do not have to be members of the Order of the Eastern Star to receive benevolent aid. Applicant is eligible to apply for assistance once in each (12) month period.

A. The original and one (1) copy of the completed Application for Benevolence must be given to the secretary of the chapter sponsoring the applicant.

B. The secretary of the chapter presents the application to the chapter and the Worthy Matron appoints a committee to investigate the applicant's needs for assistance.

C. Upon completing the investigation, the Investigating Committee completes the report on page 2 of the application and then makes a recommendation to the chapter to sponsor or not sponsor the applicant. If the recommendation is to sponsor the applicant the committee includes a letter with its recommendation and any other pertinent information.

D. The chapter then votes whether to sponsor or not sponsor the applicant for benevolent aid. If approved by the chapter, the chapter secretary will complete the chapter's portion of the application and affix the chapter seal on page 2.

E. Chapter Secretary mails both copies of the application along with the recommendation letter from the Investigating Committee to the Chairman of the Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee.

F. The Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee will review the application and approve or disapprove the application. The chapter will be notified of the Committee's decision and the chapter will notify the applicant of the decision of the Committee. If the application is approved, a check will be mailed to the chapter secretary to be presented to the applicant.