



Friendship, Love, Truth

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS  
CLOVER LODGE #348  
271 STATE STREET  
BADEN, PENNSYLVANIA 15003**

Dear Counselor:

We represent a fraternal organization, located in Baden, Pennsylvania. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, we have been in existence for over 200 years. Our individual lodge has been in existence for over 100 years. We are the last Odd Fellow lodge in Beaver County. The purpose of our organization is to “visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.” And to this end, we undertake many endeavors that make our community a better place to live. In the past we have put together care packages for members of our community serving in the armed forces in the Middle East and other overseas locations. We also make monthly contributions to several community food pantries in the county to help feed the needy.

Our current undertaking is to provide college scholarship money to area youths. We wish to provide financial assistance to area youths whose families are unable to keep up with the ever-rising cost of a college education. It is for this project that we are requesting your help. We are offering scholarships for graduating high school seniors in our area. Over the past 17 years we have given a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$1,500 in individual scholarships up to a total of \$6,000 per year. The money raised by our lodge is from a golf sponsored event. The selected winning applicants will be required to assist us at the golf event. Only serious candidates will be considered.

Attached please find the 2024 Scholarship Application consisting of three pages. The application is requesting Personal, Family and Academic Information (to be completed by a high school guidance counselor).

We are requesting that application materials be returned to the school guidance office and/or emailed directly to me at the email below by April 5th, 2024. All material must be delivered to our scholarship committee as soon as possible after the 5th of April so that there is ample time to judge the applications and inform the students of our findings.

We thank you in advance for your help in distributing these materials. If you would like more information concerning the scholarships, or other opportunities available through the Odd Fellows please feel free to contact me or the Clover Lodge #348.

(Richard Shoup at 724-561-6855). You may also reach me via e-mail at [richs112760@yahoo.com](mailto:richs112760@yahoo.com).

Together we can continue to help deserving students pursue higher education.

Sincerely,

*Richard Shoup*

*committee chairperson*