

Raymond, Jessie, and Rae Stevens Trust Scholarship Program

(Administered by Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Masonic Lodge #21)

Application for 2024-25 Academic Year

This scholarship funding is split between the Masonic Lodge and the Elks Club. There are two applications if you wish to be considered for both the Masonic and Elk Club managed processes.

This scholarship process is open to those seeking a Certificate, Diploma, or Degree in Vocational, Career, Professional, or Academic studies at the undergraduate level. Plans of study of 1-5 years are normal. The Scholarships can be renewed annually. An annual award of \$2000 is expected.

Attached is the 2024-25 higher education scholarship application for the Raymond, Jesse, and Rae Stevens Trust Scholarship. The application consists of personal information, higher education plans, official transcripts, a personal essay, and a family Financial Statement.

PERSONAL ESSAY: This essay is to be one page only and typed. Describe your educational goals and objectives, your plans and time frame for meeting these goals, and your plans for utilizing your education after you receive your degree or certificate. Be as specific as possible about your goals and objectives, and the reasons you are choosing this form of higher education.

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS including SAT or ACT test scores if available. Your School will provide official transcripts in a sealed envelope or will send them to the address below. Transcripts in electronic formats directly from the school can be accepted. **Any other format such as scans, copies, or unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.**

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION is to be completed by your parent(s) or guardian(s). Please attach your parent(s) or guardian(s) most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax return(s) (Only the Form 1040/A/EZ is required; Do not include any schedules, etc) (joint return if applicable) and request your parent(s) or guardian(s) complete the Financial Statement below. The Financial Statement applies to each parent or guardian claiming the student applicant as a tax dependent. All financial information is held strictly confidential and will be shredded following the Scholarship Committee's determination of financial need. Social Security number may be redacted. Note that financial information is requested but not mandatory for

consideration. However, if not included, applicant will receive no score for the 'financial need' aspect of the evaluation with substantially reduced probability of being selected.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ANY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Completed Applications and transcripts must be submitted in written form (transcripts directly from the schools may be transmitted electronically) postmarked by Monday, April 15, 2024, and can be mailed to:

Stevens Trust Scholarship Committee
c/o Mt. Juneau/Gastineaux Lodge #21
P.O. Box 32558
Juneau, AK 99803-2558

Questions can be emailed, or call made to: Ken Vaughan kvaughan@acsalaska.net (cell 907-957-4975). The Lodge Secretary may be contacted at mtjg21@gmail.com

What is the "Stevens Trust" Scholarship?

What is commonly referred to as the “Stevens Trust” was established as the “Raymond, Jessie and Rae Stevens Trust” by the will of Rae Stevens Hoops on July 19, 1993. It stipulated that the interest generated on the initial trust corpus was to be distributed in scholarships each year, half of which is administered by Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Masonic Lodge #21. New scholarships are restricted to those currently graduating from Juneau high schools to “further their education or training in a university, college, business school, trade school or other institution of higher learning”. Raymond and Jessie Stevens moved to Juneau in the 1910s and lived here until their deaths in the 1960s. Rae attended Juneau High School (an essay she wrote is in the 1920 Totem), and spent many years in Alaska, She ran a business in downtown Juneau before retiring in California.

New awards are made each year, customarily at the annual high school award ceremonies in May, with the number and amounts determined by the funds earned that year through investment of the trust funds. Scholarships are awarded to those determined by the Scholarship Committee to be “qualified for such further education” and who are “most deserving”, though scholastic standing and/or financial need are not the sole award criteria.

The Lodge Scholarship committee develops the specific award criteria and selection method. Reapplications are accepted from current award recipients for a normal maximum of four years, although for special degree programs that are structured to extend for an additional year, an additional extension is possible.

A full-time course of work while attending an institution of higher learning is normally expected but under special circumstances a lighter course load of at least half time may be approved.

Since 1995, the Raymond, Jesse, and Rae Stevens Scholarship Trust Fund has generated over \$1 Million of investment returns for student scholarship awards to Juneau Alaska high school graduates.

**Additionally, depending on financing, some one-time non-renewable awards may be made.
Mt Juneau Gastineaux Masonic Lodge receives memorial donations for scholarship uses
and awards these funds as available.**

PART A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

(Expected) Date of High School Graduation/GED: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes _____ No: _____ If No, Citizen of: _____

Is anyone in your family a member of Mt. Juneau Masonic Lodge #21 or any Juneau Masonic Body (Scottish Rite, Shriners, Eastern Star, Rainbow, DeMolay, etc)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which Body, and what is their relationship to you: _____

Do you have any relatives belonging to a Masonic Lodge (anywhere)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, location of Lodge _____ Relationship to you: _____

List what you consider to be your most important high school extracurricular activities:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

List your employment/internship history (if applicable):

Employer/Position/Dates of Employment: _____

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PART B: HIGHER EDUCATION PLANS

Specify the college or institution that you plan to attend during the 2020-21 academic year¹.

Name of institution _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Financial Aid Office Phone Number: _____

If not yet known, list other possible colleges you may attend: _____

Institution calendar (check one): _____ quarters _____ semesters _____ trimesters _____ other

During the academic year you will attend consecutive terms from _____ through _____

Your major area of study will likely be _____

The degree program for which you will be enrolled:

Associate _____ Bachelor _____ Vocational _____ Certificate _____

If a vocational student, your certificate title will be: _____

When do you expect to receive your degree or certificate? _____

PART C: FINANCIAL STATEMENT & IRS TAX RETURN(S)

Please attach your Parent's or Guardian's most recent IRS tax return(s) (Form 1040/A/EZ only, no schedule copies needed) and complete the following Parental or Guardian Financial Statement. IRS tax return(s) and the following Financial Statement apply to each parent or guardian claiming the applicant as a dependent. All financial information is strictly confidential and will be shredded following the Scholarship Committee's determination of financial need.

¹ Best Estimate at the time of making the form. For a number of reasons, this can be modified later.

PARENTAL OR GUARDIAN FINANCIAL STATEMENT (APPLIES TO EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN CLAIMING STUDENT AS DEPENDENT)			
Name(s) (Last, First, M.)			Date:
Mailing Address (Street/P.O. Box)		City:	State: Zip Code
INCOME	Monthly Amount	EXPENSES	Monthly Amount
Total Wage Income for Household	\$	Mortgage or Rent Payment	\$
Business Income (if any)	\$	Car/Vehicle/Boat Payment(s)	\$
Misc Income Sources (child support, etc)	\$	Utilities, Insurance & Food	\$
All Other Monthly Income Sources (List Below)	\$	Credit Card Payments	\$
	\$	Medical Payments	\$
	\$	Other Monthly Payments (List Below)	\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
TOTAL INCOME	\$	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$
EXPENDABLE MONTHLY INCOME (TOTAL INCOME – EXPENSES)	\$		
ASSETS	Value	LIABILITIES	Amount Owed
Appraised/Assessed Value of Real Estate	\$	Amount Owed on Real Estate	\$
Value of Automobiles/Boats, etc.	\$	Amount Owed on Autos/Boats, etc.	\$
Cash in Bank (checking/savings)	\$	Credit Card Debt	\$
U.S. Savings (or other) Bonds	\$	Outstanding Medical Bills	\$
College Savings Plan Balance	\$	Other Outstanding Bills (List Below)	\$
Personal Property	\$		\$
Other Assets (Itemize)	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$
ESTIMATED NET WORTH (TOTAL ASSETS – LIABILITIES)	\$		

of children (under 18) in household _____ # of college students supported by family: _____

Other available sources of college funding (i.e. Grandparent support, 529 Plans, etc) _____

PART D: NOTARIZED APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I certify as the scholarship applicant that the information provided in Parts A and B of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of any funds awarded under the Stevens Trust Scholarship:

Scholarship Applicant _____
Printed Name Signature

I (we) certify as the scholarship applicant parent(s) or guardian(s) that the information provided in Part C of this application is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge:

Father/Guardian _____
Printed Name Signature

Mother/Guardian _____
Printed Name Signature

NOTARY PUBLIC:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, personally appeared, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the scholarship applicant and the applicant parent(s) or guardian(s), for purposes of attesting to the accuracy of the information presented herein:

I hereunto set my hand and official seal:

Notary Public: _____

Signature: _____

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Date: _____