



# OFFICIAL SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT APPLICATION

Please complete the following application for a scholarship and/or grant through the AMLA Scholarship and Grant Program. Forms should be completed and submitted in accordance with the rules of the AMLA Scholarship and Grant Program.

Choose the scholarship for which you are applying (descriptions are on the page):

Anna Mae Mannion Scholarship

Dr. Rudolph M. Susel Scholarship --or--

Joseph A. & Albina M. Abram Scholarship

Frank J. Lausche Scholarship

AMLA Grant

AMLA Lodge No: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: FIRST NAME

M.I. LAST NAME

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address:

(If Different)

Telephone:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Last 4 Digits of Your Social Security Number: XXX-XX-

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father/Guardian:

Employed by:

Occupation:

Mother/Guardian:

Employed by:

Occupation:

## SIBLING INFORMATION

Please list unmarried siblings in your family:

FIRST NAME	AGE	IN COLLEGE (Y/N)	SCHOOL?

## HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

School Name:

City:

State:

Graduation Year:

Special Accolades:

## POST-SECONDARY UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

School Name:

City:

State:

Special Accolades:

Degree Sought:

Anticipated Graduation Year:

Degree Earned:

## Additional School Information (if applicable)

School Name:

City:

State:

Special Accolades:

Degree Sought:

Anticipated Graduation Year:

Degree Earned:

## GRADUATE STUDIES (If applicable)

School Name:

City:

State:

Special Accolades:

Degree Sought:

Anticipated Graduation Year:

Degree Earned:

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HOBBIES (Describe below)

**AMLA ACTIVITIES:** Please list AMLA activities, events, or Lodge Meetings that you have attended:

**EMPLOYMENT**

Briefly describe your responsibilities:

Current Employer:

City: State:

Position Held:

**PAST EMPLOYMENT**

Briefly describe your responsibilities:

Employer:

City: State:

Position Held:

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Employer:

City: State:

Position Held:

**ESSAY**

Read the paragraphs below, and answer the subsequent essay questions. Answer with at least 100 words, but not more than 500 words for each question. Essays may be hand-written on the lined paper printed with this application (print or photocopy as many pages as needed). Applications may be submitted via e-mail with essays in Microsoft Word Doc, and the application attached to the same e-mail (see back page for details).

**Applicants for the named scholarships must answer any two of the questions below. For the grant applicants, please answer only one:**

Fraternal Benefit Societies, like the AMLA, began in earnest more than 150 years ago. Most centered around key principals like self-reliance, respect for fellow members (regardless of social class), and preservation of society. In fact, fraternal societies were an affordable way to protect a family from the untimely death of the family's primary wage earner by providing necessary funds for a proper burial, child care for children, and financial aid to widowed spouses. Many fraternal benefit societies founded hospitals, orphanages, and general health care plans for members and friends throughout the early 1900's.

Over the ensuing decades, fraternal benefit societies

have been marginalized by government regulations, government assistance programs, and loss of market share to commercial entities. Today, the AMLA and other fraternal societies work to remain relevant to families through many of the same methods, but adapted for today's world:

- *life insurance* for all members which protects families financially from untimely death
- *social and communal events* that benefit members and their surrounding community
- *self-reliance* through programs like this one, which encourage all AMLA members to be successful in life.

The AMLA has continued to serve its members for more than 107 years! The common bond in 1910 was a Slovenian heritage. While this remains so, many members have joined from other cultural backgrounds.

Today, the AMLA is working to help members like you succeed in life. To the AMLA, you are more than just another life insurance policy.

Take some time to consider the following essay questions. Choose the one(s) you feel you would most like to answer, and share your thoughts with us!

ESSAY 1: The AMLA was established in 1910, 107 years ago. Most people do not live *that* long, but where do you see yourself in 25 years? Include your career and family goals.

ESSAY 2: The AMLA is an organization that is always striving to improve the lives of its members and build a stronger community. Describe a time when you performed a community service. Include how you feel it impacted the community. How did it impact you?

ESSAY 3: The AMLA is an organization that is governed by its members. You, as a member in good standing with the AMLA, have a voice in our organization. How will you use your voice to improve the AMLA, your community, or your country?

ESSAY 4: The AMLA is a fraternal benefit society which provides protection to its members through life insurance and fraternal benefits (like this scholarship and grant program). How would you describe the benefits of AMLA Membership to a friend.

ESSAY 5: Your membership in the AMLA is not going to drastically change your life. The AMLA offers a benefit here and a benefit there to add up over your lifetime to a whole bunch of good. As an example of a small benefit, you can write about any topic you want. Be sure to describe why, out of all the infinite topics you could choose from, you chose the one that you did.

**CHECKLIST FOR SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT APPLICATION**

- 1: Complete this entire application according to the scholarship or grant for which you are applying.
- 2a: Applicants seeking a scholarship must complete two (2) essay questions from the list. Answers must be at least 100 words, but not more than 500 words per essay.
- 2b: Applicants seeking a \$400 Grant must answer one (1) essay question from the list. Answers must be at least 100 words, but not more than 500 words per essay.
- 3: Applicants must attach transcripts from the last quarter, immediately prior to the quarter/semester to which the scholarship/grant will be applied.
- 4: Applicants must include a photograph of yourself that is at least 2"x 3" (jpg format preferred, send to Member@AmericanMutual.org, subject "AMLA Scholarship/Grant Program")
- 5: Read and sign the agreement below.
- 6: Send in the completed application and all necessary attachments in one package. E-mailed applications must have all attachments and enclosures in one email. These should be sent to Member@AmericanMutual.org with *AMLA Scholarship & Grant Program* in the subject line. Hardcopy applications should be mailed in one envelope to:
 

AMLA Scholarship & Grant Program  
19424 South Waterloo Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44119
- 7: Save this document (especially in digital form). You may submit the same for the The AMLA Post-Secondary Educational Grant if you do not receive a named scholarship (in the same year).

**DEADLINES: Scholarship Applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2017.  
Grant Applications must be postmarked by January 8, 2018.**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS OFFERED IN THIS PROGRAM**

**Anna Mae Mannion Scholarship** - for first year college students. This \$2,000 scholarship is the name sake of one of the AMLA's most devoted members. Anna Mae Mannion was Lodge President, and member of the AMLA's Board of Directors for more than 50 years. She was involved in many aspects of the Association.

**Dr. Rudolph M. Susel Scholarship** - for students who are already in college for at least one semester. This \$2,000 scholarship is the name sake of a the former AMLA *Our Voice* Editor and long-time AMLA Board Member. Dr. Susel was a professor at a prestigious university, and understood the value of a college education.

**Joseph A. and Albina M. Abram Scholarship** - for students who are already in college for at least one semester. This \$2,000 scholarship is the name sake of Joseph A. and Albina M. Abram, long-time AMLA Members who worked to further the benefits of AMLA Membership. The scholarship was established through the generosity of the Abram Family.

**Frank J. Lausche Scholarship** - for students seeking a graduate degree. This \$2,500 scholarship is funded by the Frances J. and Jane S. Lausche Foundation. Frank Lausche was an AMLA Member who was also Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, Governor of the State of Ohio, and Senator representing Ohio. His foundation, named after his mother Frances, and wife Jane, is dedicated to preserving the Slovenian culture and community.

**The AMLA Post-Secondary Educational Grant** - This \$400 grant is awarded to up to 100 applicants according to the rules of the program.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

This application will be considered only if properly completed with supporting documentation.

I understand if I am selected to receive this scholarship, the award will be paid to my school upon proof of registration at an accredited college or university in the Fall of 2017 (Grants will be paid directly to the recipient).

I further understand that if I am not selected to receive this scholarship, I will have the option to *re-submit* for the lottery pool for an AMLA Grant.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the rules for AMLA's 2017 Post-Secondary Scholarship and Grant Program (page 4 of this application).

By signing this application the applicant consents to the publication of the appli-

cant's name, photograph and any other information contained herein in *Our Voice*, the official publication of the American Mutual Life Association, on the official web site and social media of the AMLA, and related news outlets, in the event the applicant is awarded an AMLA Post-Secondary Scholarship or Grant resulting from this application.

I hereby state that the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature (If Applicant is a Minor): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES FOR AMLA 2017 POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM

- Must have been enrolled in AMLA prior to March 15, 2015, and currently in good standing (i.e. not on extended insurance).
- Must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student at an accredited college or university, pursuing an associate, bachelor, or post-graduate degree
- Must have minimum of \$2,000 permanent life insurance (term insurance does not qualify).
- The program will award on a competitive basis one (1) Anna Mae Mannion Scholarship (\$2,000.00) to a first-year college student, one (1) Dr. Rudolph M. Susel Scholarship (\$2,000.00) to an advanced college student, one (1) Joseph A. and Albina M. Abram Scholarship (\$2,000.00) to an advanced college student, and one (1) Frank J. Lausche Scholarship (\$2,500.00) to a graduate student courtesy of the Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation.
- Must complete the appropriate application form and return by the published deadline (postmarked by official deadline on application form).
- Recipients of the four (4) named competitive scholarships are not eligible to receive a grant in the same year.
- The program will award up to 100 post-secondary educational grants (\$400 each) selected by lottery.
- Those applying for the Mannion, Susel, Abram, and Lausche Scholarships and not receiving them may reapply to be included in the lottery for the post-secondary grants.
- A member may receive a maximum of four (4) grants from the program over the course of their post-secondary education
- The Mannion, Susel, Abram, and Lausche scholarships will be sent directly to the college or university where the recipient is enrolled.
- Grant recipients will receive a letter informing them of their selection following an initial review of the applications submitted and the conducting of a lottery if necessary. Each recipient is required to be a full-time student in good academic standing at an accredited institution in pursuit of a degree. Enrollment as a full-time student for any period prior or subsequent to the grading period for the Fall 2017 academic year will not satisfy the eligibility requirement for payment of a grant. The information submitted will be reviewed for compliance with the standards of the institution attended prior to mailing of the grant payment. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of the grant which will then be made available to the next alternate selected in the lottery previously conducted.
- Applicants enrolled as new members after January 1, 2005, must have one parent who is a member of AMLA under a permanent plan of insurance with a face value of at least \$1,000.00 issued prior to the deadline for submitting their request for a scholarship/grant application. This rule does not apply to all applicants who are members of AMLA as of January 1, 2005. After January 1, 2009, the minimum face amount of permanent insurance sold by AMLA is \$2,000.00. Any member who has an AMLA permanent insurance policy with a face value of at least \$5,000.00 is exempt from the parental membership requirement.
- Each of the Mannion, Susel, Abram, and Lausche Scholarships can be received one time only.
- Any applicant who has never been awarded a grant but has applied for a grant twice will automatically receive a grant on the third try, provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied.



