

The Reuben Strickland Memorial Scholarship 2018 Scholarship Application



HYKSOS TEMPLE #123
A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.
PRINCE HALL SHRINERS



PERSONAL

Student's Full Name:		Date of Birth:	
Street Address:		Apt. No:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
Parent/Guardian Name(s):			
Address (if different from above):			
Sibling(s)' Name(s):			

ACADEMIC

High School Currently Attending:
List name(s) of schools or colleges you have been accepted:

OTHER

Please list any school activities, hobbies or interests you have (including school clubs, teams, church groups, etc.):
Please list any jobs you have/had:

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The following supplemental information is required along with your completed application:

- An official high school transcript
- A letter of recommendation from a school official such as a teacher, guidance counselor or principal (letter **must** be on school letterhead, typed and signed)
- Biographical profile (minimum of 500 words) which should include your goals and future plans, community involvement and accomplishments

STUDENT AND PARENT AFFIRMATION

Both student and parent/guardian must read the following statement and sign as indicated

We affirm that the information provided on this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand that misrepresentations may constitute fraud which may result in the loss of eligibility for this scholarship or have other legal consequences. We grant permission for the Education Committee to review student's transcript, test scores and other required information.

Student Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent/guardian Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Submit completed application packet to:

Hyksos Temple #123
Attn: Education Committee
P.O. Box 864
Hixson, TN 37343-0864

Must be postmarked by: Friday, March 23, 2018

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The Mystic Shrine was founded by Mohammed and has as its background the trackless desert of Arabia and the fearless, devoted, and barbaric Arab.

Arabic history and tradition tell us that after the fall and separation of Adam and Eve, they were united near the place now known as "Mecca."

Adam prayed for a Shrine where he might worship. In due time, a Tabernacle of Clouds was given to him. After the death of Adam, the tabernacle was withdrawn, and his son, Seth, erected a Temple of Stone in that place; later Ishmael, with his father Abraham, rebuilt on this sacred spot of the Tabernacle of Clouds, the Kaaba, or the Sacred Temple of National Worship.

Each year the true followers of the faith would make a pilgrimage to Mecca to worship at the national Shrine.

Because of the presence of a lawless element in the city of Mecca, many of these pilgrims were robbed, beaten, and even murdered. Therefore, in the year of A.D. 647, Mohammed organized a group of fearless men as an inquisition or Vigilance Committee, whose main objectives were to protect the weak, dispense justice, and punish the criminals.

The order was firmly established in 1698. On June 3, 1893, in Chicago, Illinois, 13 Prince Hall Masons under the leadership of John George Jones established the order as Imperial Council of Prince Hall Shriners. On December 12, 1900, in Philadelphia, PA, Robert D. Ruffin, Magnus Robinson, Dabney Smith, Isaac L.W. Holland, C.A. Knox and officers and members attending from Temples in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Alexandria, Virginia met to reorganize the "Mystic Shrine." At this meeting the Imperial Council was reorganized and the order adopted a new name: Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdiction, Incorporated.

In August, 1914, there were those in the land who because of the difference of race, questioned our right to be known as Shriners and sought to deprive us of the privilege of practicing our ancient mysteries, to accomplish this purpose they brought suit against us in the Courts of Texas and the Courts of Texas issued orders which if allowed to stand, would have destroyed us.

In the four corners of the nation the Nobility girded themselves for battle and the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, entered the fray, and God raised up great men among us. These men included Noble Caesar R. Blake, who as Imperial Potentate went up and down the land urging the Nobility to battle; Noble James E. White, the leader of a group of legal advisors, who planned and fought our battles in the Courts, and Charles D. Freeman, the revered treasurer of our Order and all those Nobles who gave unstintingly of their money to finance our fight for survival. At last we laid our cause in the hands of the Supreme Court of our land, confident that justice would triumph. Justice did prevail, for on the third day of June, 1929, after fifteen long years of litigation, the Supreme Court of our land, Mr. Justice Van Devanter speaking, affirmed and confirmed our right to work and act as Shriners.



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