

Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation
Application for Sweetheart Program Financial Assistance
Overview and General Instructions

Overview

When a man become a Mason, he does more than join a fraternity of men; he becomes a Brother, a member of a family with root planted firmly in honor and tradition. As a Brother, he is tasked with caring for those members of his family who most need his support, especially the widows of his fellow Masons.

Caring for Masonic Sweethearts is an obligation Masons take seriously. Whether they are shoveling a snowy path or delivering a holiday gift basket to a Sweetheart in their community, Michigan Masons take pride in honoring the legacy of their departed Brethren. A Masonic Sweetheart should never have to worry that she is alone, or that because her husband is gone, she is forgotten.

As a Master Mason, you have a special role in honoring the Masonic legacy of your departed Brethren. By keeping in touch with Sweethearts in your community, you give life to the Masonic ideals of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Even more importantly, you are showing the widows of your fellow Masons that they have been, and will forever be, cherished members of the Michigan Masonic family.

Objective

The Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation has two main objectives for this program.

- 1) Remind Lodges of their obligation to care for their Masonic family members, to find methods of reaching out to their widows, and to include them in Lodge life. This confirms to the widow that their husband will always be a cherished member of the Masonic family.
- 2) Assist Lodges
 - a. By providing ideas and support to improve their Sweetheart program.
 - b. By providing Lodges FREE widows pins and poems to present during memorials, dinners, etc.
 - c. By providing Lodges financial support (partial reimbursement) for monies spent on Sweetheart activities.

Who is Eligible?

All Michigan Lodges

Lodge Obligations

- 1) Fill out the application thoroughly and include necessary supporting receipts.
- 2) Mail the application to the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation

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Please Print

Lodge Name and Number

Secretary Name

Secretary Mailing Address

City and Zip

Telephone Number

Cell Phone Number

Briefly describe the Sweetheart activity/event for which your Lodge wishes to receive Foundation financial assistance, including the amount for each activity/event. If you wish to provide additional documents or material, please attach.

What, if any, community recognition or other form of public awareness will the Lodge receive as a result of its activity/event? (Upon receipt of this application a Foundation representative will contact you to assist you with media)

Lodge Intentions

Intended Lodge Contribution \$ _____

Requested Foundation Contribution \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Comments:

We, the undersigned, confirm that this application for Sweetheart Program financial assistance is complete and accurate and reflects the intentions of the Lodge. Our Lodge voted to approve this application at its Regular Communication on the date of _____. If this application is approved, we agree to use the funds provided as specified in this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Worshipful Master

Date

Secretary

Date

On application remember to:

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- Fill out application completely
- Obtain necessary signatures
- Affix Lodge seal
- Attached activity/event receipt(s)

Special Note

Only the direct cost of activities/gifts that benefit the sweetheart(s) will be partially reimbursed. I.e. the Lodge is hosting Sweetheart dinner; only the meals for the attending Sweethearts will be partially reimbursed.

For questions on the Sweetheart Program please call the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation at 800-994-7400.