Instructions for the Application of the 2020 Benjamin Franklin Educational Scholarship

The Vallee de France Benjamin Franklin Educational Scholarship is awarded to a graduating High School Senior that will be attending an accredited (2) two or (4) four-year institution or Trade School (in the USA) as a full-time undergraduate freshman. This scholarship is a one-time award of up to $1200 that meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be a graduating Senior of Downtown Magnets High School.
2. Applicant must be resident of California (live in California).
3. Applicant must have maintained a minimum of 3.0 cumulative un-weighted GPA on a 4.0 Scale.
4. Applicant must be able to prove involvement with extracurricular activities and/or volunteer work during Grades 9-12.
5. Applicants must complete the associated application.

Applications will not be accepted if they are not fully completed. Please make sure to follow the instructions exactly as requested and include the following Sections:

Section I: General Information
Section II: Official High School Transcript
Section III: Extra Curricular Activities
Section IV: Employment (Paid or Volunteer)
Section V: Essay

Completed applications shall be postmarked or received (electronically) on or before May 22nd. Mail completed applications to the Vallee de France Public School Committee at the following address (note: we strongly recommend electronic submissions):

Vallee de France Masonic Lodge #329
c/o Public School Chairman
244 N. Maryland Ave
Glendale, CA 91206
Phone: (626) 298-3087
E-Mail: xaggie3@gmail.com

Award(s) will be made on the application contents and eligibility criteria without regard to race, creed, sex or country of origin.
Vallee de France Masonic Lodge No. 329 F. & A.M.

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Section I – General Information

Full Name _____________________________________________
Home Address _______________________________ City ___________ Zip __________
Email _______________________________ Telephone (___) _____ - _______
Birthday ___ / ___ / ______ Birthplace ________________________________ (City, State & Country)
Parents are ___________________________ (Married, Single, Divorced, Widowed)

Name of College applicant is planning to attend _____________________________ (Name and State)
Major ___________________________ Minor ___________________________ (if applicable)
 Semester or Quarter Expected to Begin ________________________________
Business or Profession you are preparing for ________________________________
Favorite Hobbies __________________________________________________

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and agree to have any of the statements checked by Vallee de France Masonic Lodge unless I have indicated to the contrary. I also understand that any misrepresentation, falsification, or material omission of information on this application may result in disqualification.

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Signature of Applicant Date
Section II - Transcript

Attach an official High School Transcript. The transcript must be signed by your councilor to be valid.

Section III – Extra Curricular Activities
List all extra-curricular activities in which you have participated (i.e., church, athletics, student body, clubs, etc.). List each activity separately, give the years in which you participated and estimate the number of hours you used for each. The list should be prepared on a separate sheet of paper and become part of the completed application.

Section IV – Employment
List all employment (paid or volunteer) in which you have been or are now engaged (i.e., babysitting, after school jobs, summer work or parents' business). List each activity separately, give the years in which you participated and estimate the number of hours you used for each. The list should be prepared on a separate sheet of paper and become part of the completed application.

Section V – Essay
Most American’s recognize Benjamin Franklin as one our Nation’s most influential Founding Fathers. He was an American polymath and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. With only 2 years of formal education he rose to the highest level of society including a leading writer, printer, political philosopher, politician, Freemason, postmaster, scientist, inventor, humorist, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat. Franklin was also a huge advocate for education in America and he spent much of his life promoting education and making knowledge accessible to the public. He opened the very first subscription library in the United States.

Benjamin Franklin associated himself with many important people during his lifetime; roll models that shaped his life and character. Some of the most prominent of these people included: Pierre Augustin Caron Beaumarchais (1732-1799), The Reverend Cotton Mather (1663-1728), Francois-Marie-Arouet Voltaire (1694-1778) and the Scottish philosopher David Hume (1711 - 1776), who influenced Franklin's thinking.

As an acknowledgement of the benefits of using role models in his life, prepare an Essay describing “What role model have you used to influence or strengthen your character?”. The essay should be prepared on a separate sheet(s) of paper and should be 600 words or less. The essay shall become part of the completed application.