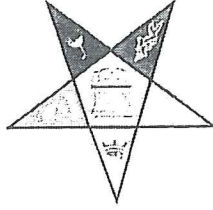


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February 6, 2019

To: All Past and Present, Elected and Appointed Grand Officers; to all Worthy Matrons and District Deputy Grand Matrons of Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, of Kentucky, Inc., P.H.A.

Greetings:

Attached you will find a copy of the Prince Hall Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons, OES Scholarship Application for High School Graduates and Continuing Education Students and a copy of the Children's Assistant Grant for 2019. Please read carefully and make sure that the membership is well-informed and encouraged to provide applicants. Below you will find the criteria for both applications, please adhere to the deadline date of **March 20, 2019**.

**Criteria - OES Scholarship Application for High School Graduates/Continuing Education:**

- All applications must be printed clearly in blue or black ink or typed and signed.
- All incomplete applications will be returned.
- All applications must be received by **March 20, 2019**, no exceptions.
- All Scholarship recipients will be selected on the following factors:
  1. Completed Application, all questions must be answered.
  2. Community Involvement – Social, Religious or Civic.

3. Extra-Curricular Activities – Sports, Campus Organizations or Mentoring Programs
4. Transcript – Official **Sealed** Transcript ( High School or College)
5. Statement of Intent (Letter) – Goals, Interest/Objectives, neatly typed, grammatically correct and spelling.
6. Letter of Recommendations – 3 (three) Letters of Recommendations in sealed envelopes with signatures and dated.

**Criteria for the Children's Assistance Grant:**

- Grant is awarded to an agency whose focus is support and /or assistance to children.
- Focus can be fields of tutor assistance, abuse, homelessness, mental and psychological problems, children with learning disabilities and children of drug dependent parents.
- Complete application and supporting documents must be received by deadline date of **March 20, 2019.**
- **DO NOT SEND TO ADDRESS ON APPLICATION!** Forward to GAM Marva A. Harris at her address.

Any applications received that are incomplete or passed the deadline date will be returned. Only one applicant will be selected per Jurisdiction for both applications. The winning Scholarship recipient and agency will be selected during the Conference to be held May 13-19, 2019 in Bahamas. The award for each will be \$500.00. Please return all applications for both the OES Scholarship and Children's Assistance Grant to GAM Marva A. Harris at the following address no later than **March 20, 2019:**

Marva A. Harris  
506 Orange Street  
Richmond, KY 40475

Again, please encourage the membership to submit applicants and make sure all applications are legible and complete.

Humbly Submitted,

Marva A. Harris, GAM

Cc: GWM, All Matrons and District Deputy Grand Matrons

**2019 Application and Recommendation  
For  
The Children's Assistance Grant  
Prince Hall Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons  
Order of the Eastern Star**

Name of Agency Nelson County Early Learning Center and Early Childcare Center

Contact Person Holly Walker, Brenda Hickman, and Katrina Haydon

Address 1200 Cardinal Lane

City, State, Zip Code Bardstown, Kentucky 40004

Telephone No. 502-350-3914

How long has this agency been organized and providing service for children 8 years

Purpose of Agency: Please see attached.

Accomplishments of Agency and cite examples of service rendered on behalf of Children:  
Please see attached

Approximately how many children have benefited from the service of the agency? \_\_\_\_\_

Please see attached.

Why does your jurisdiction feel this agency deserves consideration for the award?

Please see attached.

Grand Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction of \_\_\_\_\_ Seal \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Worthy Matron (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be returned no later than April 12, 2019 to:

Mrs. Marva Linda Montgomery  
136 East Pomona Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19144



**2019 Application and Recommendation for  
The Children's Assistance Grant  
Prince Hall Conference of Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons  
Order of the Eastern Star**

**Purpose of Agency:** The purpose of the Nelson County Early Learning Center and Early Childcare Center is to provide quality early education and childcare services with a strong focus on the whole child. We are committed to this mission by ensuring that all teaching staff have obtain their Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education with five of those teachers holding a Master's Degree. Fifty Percent of our childcare staff hold a Childcare Development Associate's Degree while the other fifty percent hold a Commonwealth Child Care Credential.

**Accomplishments of Agency and cite examples of service rendered on behalf of children:** The Nelson County Early Learning Center and Early Childcare Center received a five star rating through the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services All Stars accreditation. The Early Learning Center is also certified through the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale. In addition to early childhood education, the center provides additional support services for our students to include early identification of students with special needs through our Special Education Department. We also provide a family resource center to remove any non-cognitive barriers to our student's education and provide resources and support to their families.

**Approximately how many children have benefited from the service of this agency:** There are approximately 320 students enrolled this year at the Early Learning Center and Early childcare Center.

**Why does your jurisdiction feel this agency deserves consideration for this award?** The Nelson County Early Learning Center and Early Childcare Center serves approximately 320 students. Of those 320 students, over 50% of our student population financially qualify for free lunch assistance. If awarded this grant, the Nelson County Early Learning Center and Early Childcare Center will purchase needed items to support student success at school. These items will include: backpacks, school supplies, clothing, shoes, and hygiene products.