

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Ohio Masonic Communities Resource Center is pleased to share that financial assistance is available to Ohio Masons (in good standing for at least 12 months), their wife, widow, or orphan*, and Ohio Eastern Star members for aging, health, or safety needs.

The purpose of the Emergency Assistance Program is to provide financial assistance to as many worthy and distressed Master Masons and Eastern Stars as possible with the resources available. The program reflects The Ohio Masonic Communities' vision of addressing the needs of those we serve with compassion and respect.

Common requests for emergency assistance include assistance with utility bills, minor home repairs, minor home modifications for accessibility, small equipment repair, durable medical equipment (i.e. walker, cane, shower seat, grab bars, handheld showerhead, wheelchair, portable ramps, etc.), medical supplies, food, clothing, and transportation. The Emergency Assistance Program is generally unable to pay for direct medical fees associated with examinations, procedures, prescriptions, clinic fees, hospital stays, or credit card debt.

Criteria+ to qualify for financial assistance through the Emergency Assistance Program:

- Be an Ohio Master Mason; the wife, widow, or orphan of an Ohio Master Mason in good standing at time of need or time of passing; a member of the Ohio Order of Eastern Star, as reflected in our policy.
- Have an annual income of less than:
 - 1 Person Household: \$2,608.33/month or \$31,300/Year
 - 2 Person Household: \$3,525/month or \$42,300/Year
 - 3 Person Household: \$4,441.67/month or \$53,300/Year
 - 4 Person Household: \$5,358.33/month or \$64,300/Year
- The assistance requested must be to address a need related to aging, health, or safety.

Each application is reviewed on an individual basis to make sure the request aligns with the program goals and the applicant meets the Fraternal and financial criteria. Emergency Assistance Program requests can be made to the local OMCRC Community Outreach Coordinator.



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**If you know someone who
needs emergency financial
assistance, have them call us
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*Orphan is defined as those under
18 with no legal guardian.
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