



The Masonic Foundation Of Nova Scotia

The mission of the Masonic Foundation is to encourage the active practice of the Masonic Principles of Benevolence and Charity, and to promote a positive image of Freemasonry in the Community.

This pamphlet was developed so that there will be a better understanding of the Masonic Foundation and the charitable activities it supports.

The Masonic Foundation was incorporated under the Nova Scotia Societies Act in 1969, is independent of Grand Lodge and registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a public foundation. The Registered Charitable number is 119034510. Its purpose is to engage in the welfare and charitable work of Masonry.

Effective January 1, 2007, the net assets of the Masonic Home Board, earlier known as "Fairfield" in Windsor, Nova Scotia, were incorporated into the Masonic Foundation.

The Masonic Foundation has elected and appointed members. Each year at The Masonic Foundation's annual meeting, Master Masons are given an opportunity to receive reports of the Foundation's activities and elect new directors to the Foundation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Website for the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at <http://www.grandlodgens.org/>

On the website you will find further information about:

1. The By-laws of the Foundation;
2. The current Board of Directors of the Foundation;
3. Details of some of the funding that the Foundation has provided to various organizations;
4. Details on eligibility for and the details of bursaries that have been provided by the Masonic Foundation Bursary Program; and
5. A downloadable version of the information booklet "[Your Giving Your Sharing](#)" providing detailed information about the programs and funding available through the Masonic Foundation.

Donations

If interested in supporting the Foundation financially, members may make a direct donation to the "The Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia" (see address information below) or may contact your lodge secretary to forward a cheque on your behalf. In either case, a tax receipt will be provided.

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Masonic Foundation Programs

1. Benevolence - the 1st priority

- a.) **Individual Assistance** originates from a constituent lodge - the lodge is encouraged to give financial support.
- b.) **The Assisted Home Program** - providing financial support to complete repairs, renovations or other quality of life improvements when needed.

2. Shared Funding Programs - the 2nd priority

a.) **Shared Funding** between the Lodge or District and the Foundation enables Masons to financially assist groups or individuals in their communities. **The Lodge or District must apply to the Foundation by the required deadline and must raise 25% of the project cost and follow the funding criteria of the Foundation.**

b.) **N.S. Freemasons Bursary Program** is designed for deserving high school graduates attending an approved post-secondary education institution in Atlantic Canada. **The Lodge or District must raise 50% of the bursary and meet deadlines and criteria of the Foundation.**

3. Administered Programs - the 3rd priority

Proposals from Lodges, Masonic Districts or individuals for funding to a registered charitable organization which provide service over a wider area of Nova Scotia. Funding is provided by the Foundation upon approval of the Directors of the Masonic Foundation. This program is subject to the availability of funding after the 1st and 2nd priorities noted above have been satisfied.



Individual Masonic Involvement in the Foundation

All Master Masons in good standing belonging to a Nova Scotia lodge are automatically members of The Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia. **Here's how you can get involved:**

1.) Attend the Foundation annual meeting which is held during Nova Scotia Grand Lodge's annual meeting. You will hear reports on the activities of the current year. You can direct questions to the Chairman of your concerns or an idea to consider. You will be asked to vote on any new directors to be elected to the Foundation.

2.) Be attentive among your lodge brethren and their families, especially those brothers not regularly attending. Some may need your help under the Benevolence Program and it is your duty to bring this to the attention of the Master of the Lodge.

3.) Communities, charitable organizations, both large and small, should be informed by you as to how your Lodge or District and Foundation can interact from the various programs available.

4.) Donate to the Masonic Foundation, either by sending a cheque directly to the Foundation (see address information below) or by asking your lodge secretary to forward the cheque on your behalf. In either case, a tax receipt will be provided to you.

5.) If you feel that you have an interest in serving as a director on the Masonic Foundation, contact a director of the Masonic Foundation, your lodge secretary or your District Association and indicate you are willing to let you name stand for election.