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## **Excelsior Lodge IOOF: Scholarship Public Presentation**

To better understand each applicant's goals, character, and aspirations, Excelsior Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows invites scholarship candidates to participate in a short introduction and discussion. The goal is to learn more about the student and how the Lodge can continue its mission of **supporting and educating young people who have faced adversity**.

Applicants may present **in person at the lodge on: June 20th at 11:00 am - lunch will be provided**

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### **Introduction**

Please briefly introduce yourself:

- Your name and the high school you are graduating from
  - Your intended college, vocational program, or area of study
  - One or two interests or activities that are important to you
  - Who has been a mentor or person who has helped guide you in your life
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### **Discussion Questions**

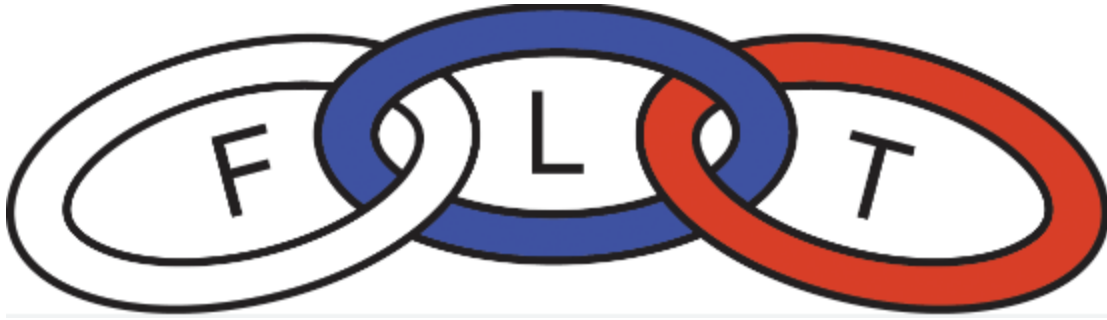
Applicants should select **one or two questions below to answer**.

#### **Core Values – Friendship**

1. **Friendship is one of the core values of the IOOF.**

Who has been an important friend or mentor in your life, and how have they helped shape the person you are today?

#### **Core Values – Love (Compassion)**



2. **Love in the IOOF tradition means compassion and service to others.**  
Describe a time when you helped someone in need or supported your community.

### **Core Values – Truth (Integrity)**

3. **Truth represents honesty and integrity.**  
Share an experience where doing the right thing was difficult. What did you learn from it?

### **Personal Resilience**

4. Every person faces challenges in life.  
What experiences have helped you develop strength and resilience as you prepare for adulthood?

### **Education and Purpose**

5. What field of study or career path are you pursuing, and **how do you hope your education will positively impact others or your community?**

### **Service and Giving Back**

6. The IOOF has a long tradition of **helping those in need and supporting future generations.** In what ways do you hope to give back to others in the future?

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### **Closing Reflection**

7. If you could share one message with other young people who have faced difficult circumstances, **what encouragement or advice would you give them?**