

ALMA LODGE #523

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

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Jacob Campbell Scholarships

February 1ST 2026

Applications are now available for the 2026 Jacob Campbell Scholarships, presented by Alma Lodge #523. Two (2) \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors attending high school in Cambria County. Students must be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution (college, trade school, technical school). Last year we had 34 applications from every school district in Cambria County. One winner last year was from Central Cambria and the other was from Admiral Perry/Penn Cambria.

The Jacob Campbell Scholarship winners will be selected by a committee, made up of members of Alma Lodge #523. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors, online at 222.almalodge523.org, or by calling 814-536-8341 and requesting a copy. Applications must be postmarked by April 1st, 2026 to be considered. NO EXECPTIONS!! Winners will be contacted and will be posted on the lodge website.

ABOUT ALMA LODGE #523: Alma Lodge #523 is a lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Established in the United States in 1819, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a fraternal organization that focuses on helping those in need, while providing opportunities for fellowship and friendship. Alma Lodge #523 has been part of the Greater Johnstown community since 1856. The lodge is headquartered at Alma Hall, located in downtown Johnstown. Today, the lodge supports the community by providing financial assistance and sponsorships for community organizations and events. New members are always welcome, with benefits that include social events, bus trips, and more. For more information, visit www.almalodge523.org or call the lodge office at 814-536-8341.

ABOUT JACOB CAMPBELL: Jacob Campbell was born in 1821. Though raised in Pennsylvania, Campbell traveled across the United States, before settling in Johnstown. He began his military career in 1861, eventually being brevetted a Brigadier-General. After a successful military career, Campbell served four (4) terms as a Congressman in the United States House of Representatives for Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District. Campbell was a charter member and the very first Noble Grand of Alma Lodge #523. He also served a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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Jacob Campbell Scholarships Rules and Information

- A minimum of two (2) \$3,000 scholarship winners will be selected. Additional scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the scholarship committee.
- Scholarship is open to all high school seniors who attended a Cambria County high school.
- Applicants must be attending an accredited post-secondary institution following high school graduation (college, trade school, technical school).
- Applications will be made available starting in February 1st, 2026.
- Completed applications, including any necessary attachments, must be postmarked by April 1st, 2026. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.
- The Scholarship Committee, made up of members of Alma Lodge #523, will review the applications. Winners will be contacted and their names announced once they accept the award. Winners will be invited to attend an Awards Ceremony, held at Alma Lodge #523, where they will be presented with their scholarship.
- Thank you for your interest in the Jacob Campbell Scholarship. For more information or any questions about the scholarship or Alma Lodge #523 membership, visit 222.almalodge523.org, or call 814-536-8341, or email almalodge523@hotmail.com

THE JACOB CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LIST ALL OF YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/HOBBIES/INTERESTS/JOB: _____

ESSAY QUESTION

Please write or type your essay answer on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. Serving the community is an important part of Odd Fellowship. Explain how you are involved in your community.**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher, religious leader, community leader, etc.

Please do not have a family member complete the letter of recommendation

SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

By applying for this scholarship, I certify that all information on this application is true and correct. I understand that the information provided will be shared with the members of Alma Lodge #523 for the purposes of selecting the scholarship recipients.

I acknowledge that should I be selected as a recipient of this scholarship, Alma Lodge #523 may use my name and likeness when announcing the scholarship winners. I understand that should I be selected as a recipient, the scholarship may be sent directly to the school I will be attending.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT)

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE