



# ELECTA CHAPTER NO. 14

## PRINCE HALL ORDER EASTERN STAR, NY

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### 2023 REACH FOR THE STARS CHOLARSHIPS GUIDE

**RUTH E. MILLER  
BOOK AWARD**

**\$500**



**MARGARET  
HARRIS AWARD**

**\$1,000**



**APPLICATION  
DEADLINE  
MAY 15**



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*MW Gregory R. Smith Jr., Grand Master*

*LaShay Kyles, Worthy Matron  
Yvonne Ladson, Grand Worthy Matron*

*Errol Allen, Worthy Patron  
Paul James, Grand Worthy Patron*

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the [Reach for the STARS Scholarships](#) awarded by Electa Chapter No. 14, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, NY. Our chapter has engaged in very intentional ways to make a difference in our community through charity and service. We are excited to announce that the 2023 application process is now open for the [Margaret Harris, \\$1000 Scholarship](#) and the [Ruth E. Miller, \\$500 Book Award a NEW \\$800 Leadership & Service Past Matrons/Past Patrons award](#). Both scholarships are awarded annually to high need, high school students from under-served communities to help defray the cost of their college education. All applicants must demonstrate academic excellence, financial need, and community engagement.

Applicants must complete the electronic application and submit all the required documentation to the Scholarship Committee no later than **May 15, 2023**. Late applications will not be considered. Please apply via the following link and upload all supporting documentation.

Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by May 31, 2023. The scholarship recipients are required to attend our **Father Appreciation & Scholarship Luncheon/Event on Saturday, June 24, 2023** and will be recognized during the event. We plan to hold the event in person at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple located at 454 West 155th Street in Harlem, NY. We will provide up to two complimentary tickets to the event. Additional tickets may be purchased by the recipient's family/guests.

The actual scholarship check for the Margaret Harris Reach for the STARS Scholarship will be mailed directly to the college/university of the recipient's choice once proof of enrollment is provided and verified. The Ruth E. Miller Book Scholarship and the Past Matrons & Past Patrons Leadership Award funds will be mailed directly to the recipient upon verification of enrollment. Please be sure to read the packet thoroughly and provide all the required information via the application link.

Visit is at [www.electachapter14.org](http://www.electachapter14.org) for additional info you can email us the Committee at [electa14scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:electa14scholarship@gmail.com).

Best of luck and we look forward to receiving your application.

**Scholarship Committee**  
*PM Cynthia Cortijo-Rodriguez, Chairperson*  
*(347) 307-7302*

## 2023 GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Electa Chapter No. 14, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, NY will award the **Margaret Harris Reach for the STARS Scholarship, the Ruth E. Miller Book Scholarship, The Past Matrons/Past Patrons Leadership & Service Scholarship**, to high need, college bound high school students from under-served communities in New York City, who demonstrate academic excellence (minimum of 3.0 grade point average or B average equivalent), financial need and evidence of community engagement.

### NEW AWARD FOR 2023:

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce a new scholarship under the Reach for the STARS Scholarship Fund: The Past Matrons/Past Patrons Leadership & Service Scholarship. The award was created and funded by the Past Matrons (Female Chapter President) and Past Patrons (Male counterparts) of Electa Chapter #14 in March 2023. This award will recognize a college bound student attending high school within the five boroughs of New York City, who exemplifies a commitment to serving those in need and leading for the benefit of others. Applicants will be required to demonstrate involvement in extracurricular activities and evidence of service provided within and outside their school.

**Evelyn Archie**, Life Member (Worthy Matron: 1990, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009)

**Kevin P. Wardally** (Worthy Patron: 2013 & 2014)

**Sandino Sanchez** (Worthy Patron: 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018)

**Anilsa Nunez** (Worthy Matron: 2017 & 2018)

**Charmagne Tellis** (Worthy Matron: 2017 in Gardenia Chapter #41)

**Janice Reyes-Sanchez** (Worthy Matron: 2018 & 2019 in Alpha Chapter #1)

**Cynthia Cortijo-Rodriguez** (Worthy Matron: 2019, 2020 & 2021)

**Raul Rodriguez** (Worthy Patron: 2019, 2020 & 2021)

### SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

Each application will be evaluated by a committee and final selections will be based on the information referenced in the documents. Incomplete or untimely (i.e., received after the submission deadline) applications will not be considered; nor will they be returned. We prefer that all the information and supported documentation be uploaded with the application. You may email the Committee and Chairperson at [electa14scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:electa14scholarship@gmail.com) by the deadline if you experience any issues making an electronic submission. For more information contact Chairperson, Cynthia Cortijo-Rodriguez via email or by phone at (347) 307-7302

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Head Shot/Photo (must be appropriate for marketing use and to be added in the program. Senior/graduation photos welcomed)**

1. Completed and Signed Application (this form);
2. Official Transcript. Can be emailed by the school or scanned and uploaded with the application. We reserve the right to contact the school for verification.

3. Two Letters of Reference, each of which specifically addresses/discusses your character, financial Need, and academic aptitude/decorum. At least one must be from a high school teacher/administrator. Recommendations from friends/family members will not be considered. Persons familiar with your community service and leadership involvement outside the school may also submit letters. Recommendations can be emailed to [electa14scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:electa14scholarship@gmail.com) but must be received by the MAY 15th, 2023 Deadline. Letters can also be uploaded with the application. We reserve the right to contact your reference for verification.

4. Each applicant must submit a Succinctly Written Essay (2-3 pages) by YOU, the Applicant. Feel free to use your creativity but the strongest essays will contain the following information, we strongly encourage you to use the questions as a guide to write your essay:

1. Introduce yourself and your future goals.
2. Why do you want to receive a college education and what would it mean to you to receive this scholarship?
3. From a financial standpoint, what impact would this \$1,000/\$700/\$500 scholarship have on your education/future?
4. Share some of your extracurricular/community service activities; and describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.
5. Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?
6. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.

**THIS COMPLETED ELECTRONIC APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15, 2023**

Application: <https://form.jotform.com/Electa14/2022-scholarship>

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## The Prince Hall Order Eastern Star

**HISTORY:** The Order Eastern Star is a fraternal organization that both men and women can join. It was established in 1850 by Rob Morris, a lawyer and educator from Boston, Massachusetts, who had been an official with the Freemasons. In 1866, Dr. Morris started working with Robert Macoy, and handed the Order over to him while Morris was traveling in the Holy Land. Macoy organized the current system of Chapters, and modified Dr. Morris' Rosary into a Ritual. It is based on teachings from the Bible, but is open to people of all theistic beliefs. Eastern Star is a social order composed of persons with spiritual values, but it is not a religion. Its appeal rests in the true beauty of the refreshing and character-building lessons that are so sincerely portrayed in its ritualistic work. A deep fraternal bond exists between its members. It is the wholesome relationship of sisterly and brotherly love brought about through high principles exemplified in our lives which makes us near and dear to each other.

**PURPOSE:** The stated purposes of the organization are: Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific; but there is much more to it than that. Dr. Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Masonry, founded the Order using the beautiful and inspiring Biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values. These portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of Eastern Star members. Eastern Star strives to take good people and through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, and through precepts and examples build an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness.

**LEGACY OF ELECTA CHAPTER NO. 14:** Chartered as a member of the Prince Hall family on June 6, 1916, our chapter has provided outstanding service to the surrounding community for over 100 years. We operate under the umbrella of Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc., State of NY and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Electa Chapter #14 has a long-standing tradition of providing charity to those most in need and partnering with community-based organizations to provide services and resources to our most marginalized communities. For more information visit our website at [www.electachapter14.org](http://www.electachapter14.org).

**CHAPTER VISION STATEMENT:** Electa Chapter #14 will be one of the preeminent chapters in the State of New York. We will be recognized by the excellence of our ritualistic work, a commitment to being a contributing partner in our community, our cohesive team approach to leadership, our administrative efficiency and our sisterhood/brotherhood.

**THE REACH FOR THE STARS SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The Reach for the Stars Scholarship Fund was established in January 2018 by the chapter at the recommendation of then President, Sister Anilsa R. Nuñez and her counterpart Brother Sandino Sanchez. The chapter was especially committed to assisting students achieve their dream of a higher education but recognized that the high cost of attending college made the goal unattainable for some. The goal of the scholarship is to promote and recognize academic excellence and community engagement and seeks to provide perpetual support to New York City youth looking to pursue higher education at a college of their choice. In 2019 the Margaret Harris Reach for the STARS Scholarship (\$1,000) was created, followed by the Ruth E. Miller \$500 Book Scholarship in 2021, both in honor of our departed and beloved past presidents. In 2003, The Past Matrons/Past Patrons Leadership & Service Scholarship \$800 award was established to recognize leadership abilities and community service.