



Your Lodge Name

"The Masons"

Your lodge address & phone number

Instituted date

Masonic Angel Fund™

The members of **Your Lodge of Your City or Town** are pleased to provide the Masonic Angel Fund™.

The Masonic Angel Fund™ provides modest assistance to needy children who do not fit the criteria for the usual social-service programs. Such assistance might be to provide necessary items and services such as:

- Eyeglasses
- Eyeglass repairs
- Basic clothing
- Seasonal outerwear
- Shoes or sneakers
- Scholarships to after school or summer programs
- Field trip fees
- School supplies
- Books
- Book club memberships
- Minor health services
- Minor dental services
- Bicycle repairs
- Other appropriate needs

Applications for assistance will be fulfilled via confidential requests from local elementary school principals.

If you have a student in your school who you feel may have a need which is not being addressed by parents or existing social services, simply telephone any one of the Masons listed below to apply for a Masonic Angel Fund™ grant. Each is authorized to act on behalf of the Fund.

Trustee #1	Phone and email (if any)
Trustee #2	Phone and email (if any)
Trustee #3.	Phone and email (if any)

In providing these services, it is **Your Lodge's** intention *not* to have direct contact with the child or family. Our preferred mode of delivery is to receive a request from the principal and work with the principal to fulfill the stated need in the most timely manner possible. Thus far, we have been able to respond to requests within a few hours.

For example, if you discover a child that needs a winter coat simply make your request known to the Trustees who will issue a check to the principal in an appropriate amount.

In cases where professional services (i.e. medical, dental, optical...etc.) we will work with the school to make available our numerous sources of this nature. Some of the Masons are health care professionals, so there is an excellent chance we may be able to arrange donation of services or services at a vastly reduced fee.

If you have questions about the Masonic Angel Fund™, please call any of the Trustees for help.



Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc.

Masons Helping Children in Our Community

Frequently Asked Questions about Adopting a Masonic Angel Fund™

The following is a list of some of the questions asked of the Masonic Angel Foundation volunteer staff by Lodges interested in sponsoring a Masonic Angel Fund.

What are the benefits to my Lodge if it sponsors a Masonic Angel Fund?

The primary benefit to your Lodge is an increase in community awareness as you provide significant services to local children. Secondary benefits include unification of your Brethren and attraction of new members to work for a common purpose in the community. The Masonic Angel Fund is an excellent program to re-vitalize and grow your Lodge.

Who will provide financial support to our local Masonic Angel Fund?

The experience of most Masonic Angel Funds is that most of the initial financial support comes from the Brethren themselves. Our “typical” Masonic donor is a Brother who does not usually attend Lodge but wishes to support our child-oriented community programs. We also see significant memorial donations when one of our more popular members passes away. A very significant portion of our start-up funding here on Cape Cod came from the local York Rite bodies. In 1998 and 1999 the York Rite offered their annual Commandery Christmas observance as a fund-raiser for the Masonic Angel Fund. These two events raised approximately \$5,000 for the local MAF.

How does the Foundation interact with my Lodge if we sponsor a Masonic Angel Fund?

The Foundation functions as a facilitator and advisory group for local Masonic Angel Funds. Once your Lodge adopts a Masonic Angel Fund you are responsible for maintaining the Ten Standards and for filing periodic reports with the Foundation. Other than that, the program is *your* local program. The Foundation volunteer staff is available to answer your questions as you begin to receive requests for assistance from your local schools. We also work with state and national charities and corporations to develop grant funding opportunities for schools served by Masonic Angel Funds.

Why must the schools be the primary qualifying contact for charitable requests?

The Masonic Angel Fund is a community benevolence program – not a human service agency. We yield to the professional judgement of local school nurses, counselors and principals in qualifying children for MAF assistance. Most school professionals have multiple sources at their disposal to assist children in need. Their experience will lead them to choose the Masonic Angel Fund when the need fits best with our stated mission. Working through the schools also minimizes our administration time and preserves the confidentiality of the students and families who receive assistance from MAF.

Who should serve as our local MAF Trustees?

Many Lodges like their Treasurer be one of the three local trustees. Choose the trustees who are most likely to facilitate quick fulfillment of all requests for charitable assistance. All of your trustees should be Masons with a common concern for children, the ability to make quick decisions and have a positive, open-minded approach to community charity services. Your trustees should function as a *team* and not as a *committee* that feels a need to discuss everything to death! MAF serves *real children* with often *urgent* needs. The trustees must be decisive and use their commonality of purpose to reach decisions quickly.

Why must we respond within 24 hours to all requests for assistance?

There are two reasons. The first is obvious – these children have urgent needs. The schools often come to the MAF first because they know we can solve a problem efficiently. The second reason is one of community awareness. Your work with the Masonic Angel Fund should set your Masons apart as a group of “can-do” people who “get things done”.

What if we have having difficulty making a decision about a request for assistance?

Local decisions are entirely the jurisdiction of the local Masonic Angel Fund. However, the Foundation’s volunteer staff is just a phone call away if you would like us to share our experience with you on a purely advisory basis.

What are the reporting requirements and fees to adopt and operate a Masonic Angel Fund?

The first year’s affiliate dues of \$75 should accompany the attested “resolution to sponsor” voted by your Lodge. The Foundation requires periodic reports of activity to help us develop a knowledge-base that can be shared with other Masonic Angel Funds and to help the Foundation identify potential funding sources for MAF programs. Reports are relatively informal and infrequent – usually, copies of the “fulfillment forms” used by the trustees are sufficient for reporting purposes.

How do we contact the schools to “get them on board” with our local Masonic Angel Fund?

Do not go to the School Board! Requests for charitable assistance fall within the purview of the day-to-day administration of a school. In a small school district, this type of function is the responsibility of the superintendent. In a larger school district, it is more appropriate to approach the principal of each school you wish to serve with your Masonic Angel Fund. Matters concerning students in distress are highly confidential and should be transacted with qualified school staff *only*.

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Dear Worshipful Master or Lodge Secretary,

We are certain that by now you are aware of the Masonic Angel Fund that was founded in 1998 and has become the fastest-growing Masonic charity program anywhere.

The Masonic Angel Fund is far and away the single best Masonic Awareness and community service program we have seen. Easy to implement by a Lodge with even the most meager manpower and financial resources, the Masonic Angel Fund is an excellent program for your community - it is also a positive force to create enthusiasm amongst the Craft by providing opportunities to do generous things for children. The Masonic Angel Fund is a successful vehicle for presenting Freemasonry to the community as a socially relevant, beneficial body of normal, everyday people and for helping to dispel our aura of mystery. Stating what seems to be the obvious, we think this is a program that will make men want to join our Fraternity.

The Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. was incorporated on July 1, 2000 as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. We are pleased to accept affiliations from Lodges that wish to start a local Masonic Angel Fund program for their community.

Prior to incorporating the Foundation we worked extensively with our Grand Lodge in Boston. This involved presentations for the Grand Treasurer, submission of paperwork to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge lawyers. After considerable work and discussion by all parties over a six-month period we now have a proven, successful program to offer to your Lodge and your community.

We are pleased to invite your Lodge to adopt its own Masonic Angel Fund. Enclosed with this letter is basic information about the Masonic Angel Fund program as well as the resolution and standards you will need to commence the adoption process. We are very excited to provide this opportunity to Lodges across the nation. We believe that the Masonic Angel Fund is a most effective way to raise your Lodge's profile in your community and to make men want to join your Lodge!

The Masonic Angel Foundation's volunteer staff is ready to answer your questions and guide you through the process of launching your own Masonic Angel Fund. Please call upon us! We are eager to work with you.

We appreciate your support of the Masonic Angel Fund and look forward to your continued involvement in this fast-growing Masonic community service program!

Cordially and fraternally,
Officers, Directors and Staff (all volunteers!)
Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc.

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Resolution for a Lodge to Sponsor a Masonic Angel Fund

Resolved, that _____ [*insert name of adopting Masonic entity*]
(hereinafter, “The Lodge”) adopts the “Ten Standards” for operation of a Masonic Angel Fund as set forth by the Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. and hereby applies for a permission to operate a Masonic Angel Fund in the schools listed below:

*Please list the name, address, contact person and approximate student count for each school below.
You may use a separate piece of paper if you prefer.*

If you do not have this information yet please write – “To Be Submitted Later” and submit your resolution

The Lodge agrees to maintain the “Ten Standards” and to operate its local Masonic Angel Fund within the parameters specified in that publication.

The local Masonic Angel Fund is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under section 501(c)(3) or the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the funds received by the local Masonic Angel Fund shall inure to the benefit of, or to be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the local Masonic Angel Fund shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. The local Masonic Angel Fund shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code) or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the local Masonic Angel Fund, its assets shall be transmitted to the Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. or its successor for charitable benefit of children living in the community served by the local Masonic Angel Fund. If the Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. or its successor is no longer extant the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Lodge agrees to select three independent Trustees for its local Masonic Angel Fund. *(On an attached piece of paper, please list the name, address, email address and phone number of the three independent Trustees selected at this meeting.)*

The Lodge herewith enclosed a first-year affiliate dues of \$75 made payable to Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. Subsequent years' affiliate dues will be invoiced approximately sixty days before the anniversary of the Lodge's adoption vote. Dues are not to be paid with Masonic Angel Fund charitable funds.

This resolution was duly proposed and **VOTED** by the Lodge at its Communication on _____ and is enacted by the signatures and seal that appear below.

By order of:

Attest:

*Affix the
Lodge Seal*

Worshipful Master

Secretary



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“The Ten Standards”

January 12, 2008

The standards below must be adopted by a vote of a Lodge as part of the adoption process for the Masonic Angel Fund.

1. Screening of recipients of Masonic Angel Fund™ benevolence must be conducted by the local school principals, nurses, guidance counselors or other professionals recognized by the Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. Members of the Lodge and local independent MAF trustees are to avoid direct contact with recipient children and their families. The exception to this is when a Mason is acting in his professional role within the scope of his private practice, such as with a Mason who happens to be a dentist, physician or other health care professional.
2. Grants from the Masonic Angel Fund™ are to be made for direct services to a child. The Foundation discourages awards for rental payments, utility bills and expenses of that nature. (See the list of examples of services provided that appears in the recommended Masonic Angel Fund information flyer.)
3. 100% of all funds raised in the name of the Masonic Angel Fund™ must be designated for 501(c)(3) purposes and used in providing services to the client population of local children. Monies are to be deposited in a state or federally chartered depository institution in accounts that are insured and guaranteed not to lose value. These depository parameters do not apply to funds donated for the purpose of establishing an endowment fund.
4. 100% of all funds raised in the name of the Masonic Angel Fund™ must be used for 501(c)(3) purposes, specifically for children in the communities defined in the resolution to sponsor the local Masonic Angel Fund.
5. Independent trustees of the Masonic Angel Fund™ must be duly empowered to respond to and consistently respond to all requests for Angel Fund benevolence within no more than one business day.
6. All activities performed in the name of the Masonic Angel Fund™ must be conducted in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction the participating Lodge falls. All fundraising by affiliate Masonic Angel Funds must conform to federal, state and local laws and regulations as well as the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction the sponsoring Lodge falls. If a particular fundraiser is not permitted for a Masonic Lodge in your state then it is not permitted for your Masonic Angel Fund.
7. The sponsoring Lodge must pay all “overhead” expenses the local Masonic Angel Fund from its own Lodge funds. Expenses such as the annual affiliate dues, postage, printing and fund raising expenses are *never* to be paid with Masonic Angel Fund monies. The sole exception to this would be in a case like a dinner fund-raiser, where the net dinner profits would go to the Fund after the cost of food is paid.
8. The sponsoring Lodge must vote prescribed resolutions or (*if necessary in their jurisdiction*) make by-law revisions to provide protection of the funds raised in the name of the Masonic Angel Fund™. The intent of this standard is to ensure that a Lodge will not invade Masonic Angel Fund monies in a time of financial distress. The resolution or by-law revision must include an IRS acceptable method of disposition of Masonic Angel Fund monies if the Lodge closes, merges or votes to discontinue its participation in the Masonic Angel Fund™.
9. The sponsoring Lodge must receive permission from its Grand Lodge to participate in the Masonic Angel Fund program if such permission is required in the jurisdiction under which the Lodge falls.
10. The affiliate Masonic Angel Fund must prepare and submit periodic reports of activity as requested by the Foundation. The annual affiliate dues will be invoiced approximately sixty days before the anniversary date of the affiliate MAF. All reports must be submitted and affiliate dues paid for a Masonic Angel Fund to be considered in good standing with the Foundation.

These ten standards comprise the primary operating parameters of the Masonic Angel Fund. Sample resolutions to adopt a Masonic Angel Fund are available from the Foundation.

It is the intention of the Foundation’s directors that the process of a Lodge’s adopting the Masonic Angel Fund™ should be very similar to the process that a Lodge follows to sponsor a DeMolay Chapter. This requires a Lodge vote to form a local Masonic Angel Fund. The primary thrust of the “ten standards” is to see that the overall operation of affiliated Masonic Angel Funds is consistent with the operating practices adopted and endorsed by the Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc.

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