

# THE SMITH CHARITIES Established 1848 MARRIAGE GIFT

## Smith Charities Brides Program

The Smith Charities Trustees and Electors are excited to let you know that the administration of the Will of Oliver Smith is active and has been thriving since his passing in 1845.

### According to the Will, qualified applicants must:

- Reside and be a registered voter in either Amherst, Deerfield, Easthampton, Greenfield, Hadley, Hatfield, Northampton, Whately, or Williamsburg for at least 3 continuous years prior to your 1st marriage.
- Be a 1st time bride.
- Apply for the \$100 gift within 3 months from the date of marriage.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be a citizen of the United States of America at the time of this marriage.
- Be of moderate financial circumstances.
- Both (applicant & spouse) be of good moral character.

Applications and forms can be printed from our website at [www.thesmithcharities.org](http://www.thesmithcharities.org).

Along with the application, you will need provide the following:

- **If you are already married**, you will need to bring in or mail us your original Certificate of Marriage for in-house review and to copy for our records.
- **If you are not yet married**, you will need for your clergyman or officiant to fill out a "To The Trustees of The Smith Charities Certificate of Marriage" form, which is available on our website.

Upon application receipt, 2 written character references are required from non-family members, whose names you are requested to supply on the application. A request form is promptly mailed out from our office to be filled out and sent back to us. **It is important that you notify your references right away that a Smith Charities correspondence will be sent to them in order to ensure a prompt written reply.** Once received, the application goes to our Trustees for review and possible approval. If approved, we will then mail you the congratulatory beneficiary gift. Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions or concerns.



### THE TRUSTEES OF THE SMITH CHARITIES

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