

## Ceremony to Recognize International Order of the Rainbow Members who Graduate from High School

Masons have long revered education and the role it plays in a person's life. Rainbow girls take an obligation to support and further their education to the best of their ability. A high school diploma is a great achievement for many girls, and the Assembly should recognize this accomplishment in a girl's life whenever possible. Some young ladies go on to a life career instead of a college education, and their high school graduation is the only one they will experience. This simple ceremony takes three minutes of time, and can be performed before a regular meeting or after Rainbow Dreams. It is open to the public. It only takes a Worthy Advisor, Drill Leader, and Mother Advisor to perform. The certificate that is presented is decorated with a gold Notary seal at the bottom with seven small Rainbow colored ribbons sticking out of the bottom. It is then rolled up and tied with a ribbon to simulate a diploma.

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Worthy Advisor: At this time, \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly would like to recognize the special accomplishments of its members who have reached a significant goal in their educational careers. We are proud of our sisters who have achieved the academic standing necessary for receiving a high school diploma. Sister Drill Leader, you will present the following Sisters behind the bow for introduction: (Worthy Advisor reads names)"

Drill Leader: "Worthy Advisor, I have the pleasure of presenting our sisters who are graduating (or have graduated) from high school."

Worthy Advisor: "My Sister(s), we are extremely proud of your accomplishment of attaining the status of high school graduate. This marks a great milestone in your academic progress. Your future lies ahead, and you have the choice and challenge of creating a worthwhile and rewarding life. We wish you great success and happiness in your future endeavors, and want you to remember the words of Helen Lowrie Marshall who wrote:

'Aim for a star! Look up and away,  
and follow its beckoning beam.  
Make each Tomorrow a better Today  
And don't be afraid to dream.

Aim for a star, and keep your sights high:  
With a heart, full of faith within  
Your feet on the ground and your eyes on the sky  
Someday you are bound to win!  
Keep dreaming the dream, hitch a ride on a star,  
Hold tight, never let yourself fall  
And one day you'll find that the you-of-your-dreams  
Is the you- that is-real after all'

Worthy Advisor: "Sister Drill Leader, you will escort our graduates to the East. (DO NOT RAP GAVEL) On behalf of the parents and adults of the Assembly, our Mother Advisor would like to add her congratulations." (W.A. sits, M.A. stands)

**Mother Advisor:** "Dear Graduates, our Assembly has watched you mature and blossom into beautiful young women. We are delighted to be able to congratulate you on your recent academic achievements. As you assume the greater responsibility of furthering your careers, or setting your goals in higher education, we want you to always remember our Rainbow pathway offers you loving support and encouragement to help you succeed. We want to leave you with the thought that you must

'Reach high! The finest things of life  
are on the topmost shelves.  
We have to stand on tiptoe-  
Stretch our small self-centered selves;  
We have to look above our heads  
To where the heart can see,  
If we would reach that finer life  
We'd like our life to be.  
Reach high! The best is always kept  
Upon life's topmost shelves,  
But not beyond our reach if we  
Will reach beyond ourselves.'

Congratulations!

Worthy Advisor: "Sister Graduates, our assembly would like to present to you a certificate for you to keep to commemorate your graduation from high school"

(Worthy Advisor calls each girl's name, gives out certificates with applause separately or at the end)

Worthy Advisor: "Sister Drill Leader, you will return our sisters to their seats. "