



2010 Scholarship

The South Carolina Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The South Carolina Society SAR Scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior at the State Convention of the Society. The scholarship is not awarded solely on academic achievement, but also on demonstration of those characteristics, which best reflect the principles and beliefs of the SAR such as character, good citizenship, patriotism, both school and non school related extra-curricular activities, and well articulated, achievable goals.

Qualifications:

- The applicant must be a high school senior in an accredited public or private school.
- Applicants do not have to be related to members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Application Rules and Requirements:

1. **Application Package:** A completed application package will consist of the following items which are described below:
 - Completed Application Form (available on the SCSSAR website)
 - Recent Picture of the Applicant
 - Official Transcript
 - Two (2) Recommendations (forms available on the SCSSAR website)
 - Written Personal Statement of the Applicant
2. **Application form** - Available at the South Carolina Society website under youth programs.
 - Down-load the application template and fill it in. Save the application under the applicant's last name. Print out the application and sign. (Type written or hand written applications are not acceptable.)
 - The application must be signed by the applicant.
 - The application must be signed by two sponsors who are members of the Sons of the American Revolution in good standing. They should know and recommend the applicant, but must not be relatives of the applicant nor can they be members of the Scholarship Committee. Signatures must be legible and state and national numbers must be included. Status of recommending members will be checked with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
 - The application should be submitted via mail by the applicant only. Third parties may not submit applications.
3. **Recent picture of the Applicant**
 - A recent picture must accompany the application form when mailed.
4. **Official transcript**
 - A transcript covering all high school work through the first session of the senior year is required.
 - If school regulations require, transcripts may be mailed directly by the school to the Scholarship Committee Chairman or emailed to SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net
 - If submitted by the applicant with the application form, these transcripts must be in a sealed envelope.

5. **Two recommendations**
 - Printed recommendation forms available on the SCSSAR website must be used. Letters will not be accepted.
 - These recommendations must be from persons other than relatives or SAR members signing the application.
 - They should be knowledgeable as to the applicant's academic record, patriotism, community service and character.
 - One recommendation must be from a high school teacher and one from someone not associated with the high school or any other school the applicant has attended.
 - Additional recommendations should NOT be submitted.
 - The recommendation forms should be emailed by the person completing the recommendation to SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net
 - Recommendations submitted via mail or via a third person will NOT be accepted.
6. **Personal statement**
 - The personal statement must address each of the following:
 - Applicant's achievements – (Exclude your academic record. Include achievements not evidenced elsewhere.)
 - Applicant's aspirations – (What do you want to accomplish in life – professionally, personally, etc? Your goals should be achievable and reasonable.)
 - Applicant's principles and beliefs – (What do you believe in and how do you try to live that out.)
 - Applicant's patriotism – (What is patriotism to you and how do you observe it in your life.)
 - Advice: Tell us what you would like us to know about you. Be honest. Avoid the appearance of conceit and grand standing. Above all be real.
 - This statement is very important.
 - Please include whatever you would like to tell us about yourself.
 - This statement must contain the applicant's name.
 - The personal statement is to be submitted in Microsoft Word format via email to SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net
 - Personal statements submitted via mail or via third party will NOT be accepted.
7. **Deadline**
 - All material must be **received** by the Scholarship Committee chairman **on or before February 28, 2010.**
8. **Confirmation of received material:**
 - All material submitted via email will be confirmed upon reception.
 - Reception of mailed material may be via email upon request.
 - No confirmation will be made via mail or phone.
 - Confirmation will only be made to a valid email address submitted with the application material.
9. **Questions or information:** Applicants, but not parents, may contact the chairman of the committee, but may not contact any other member of the selection committee nor should anyone else contact any member of the selection committee on behalf of the applicant.
10. **Selection**
 - Selection is based on a point system with weighted points for each category of criteria.
 - The chairman may conduct phone interviews on behalf of the committee with applicants as deemed necessary by the committee.
 - All members of the selection committee have equal votes.
 - The chairman has the sole authority to break any tie.
11. **Disqualification:** The chairman has the sole authority to rule on disqualification of a candidate.

12. **Presentation:** The scholarship will be presented at the SCSSAR State Convention on **April 17, 2010.** The recipient will be expected to attend the presentation event. Information on attendance will be provided before the State Convention.

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