

2018 SCATA Scholarship Announcement **South Carolina Association of Title I Administrators**

The South Carolina Association of Title I Administrators will award eighteen scholarships for deserving students. Qualifying seniors have the opportunity to compete for a \$2,000 (first place) or one of two \$1,000 (second and third places) scholarships. Three scholarships will be awarded in each of the six regions.

Application Dates

- High Schools should send completed applications to the Title I district coordinators no later than Monday, January 8, 2018. *(District coordinators have the discretion to set an earlier deadline.)*
- The district coordinator will select one application and forward it to the SCATA regional representative on or before Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
- Recipients and schools will be notified of scholarship awards on or before Monday, February 19, 2018. Winners will be recognized in March of 2018.

Scholarship Qualifications

1. Applicant must be eligible for free or reduced priced lunch based on current USDA eligibility criteria.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited high school in South Carolina and meet all requirements for obtaining a South Carolina high school diploma by the end of the current school year.
3. Applicant must be able to meet the entrance requirements of an approved post-secondary institution.
4. Applicant must submit a **completed** application packet by the required date. This packet must contain:
 - A completed SCATA Scholarship application with all signatures;
 - A one-page personal typed narrative from the applicant explaining why he/she is applying for this scholarship ***(awards, interests and academic aspirations should be included in the narrative)***;
 - A letter of recommendation from a teacher of the applicant ***(on school letterhead)***;
 - A letter of recommendation from the principal ***(on school letterhead)***;
 - A letter from a school administrator ***(on school letterhead)*** indicating the lunch status of the student including parent/guardian consent; and
 - A copy of the high school transcript.

SCATA Scholarship Application Process

Qualifying students from South Carolina's high schools may submit applications. It is the applicant's responsibility to complete all information and submit the application by the required date. The school will forward application packets that have been completed to the district's Title I coordinator. *(As determined by the District Title I coordinator, districts that have more than one high school may decide to accept only one application per school.)* The district's Title I coordinator will select one application to send to the regional representative. The scholarship committee, chaired by the regional representative, will review all applications and select four (4) nominees that best meet the scholarship award criteria. A Review Worksheet will be used by the committee to rate applications.

The four nominees from each region will be ranked by priority. The number one (1) ranked nominee from each region will be designated as the \$2,000 scholarship recipient. The number two (2) and the number three (3) ranked nominees will be designated as the \$1,000 scholarship recipients. In the event the number one (1) designated recipient fails to qualify for any reason, the second place winner will receive the \$2,000 scholarship. The same procedure will apply to the third and fourth place winners, should higher ranked winners fail to qualify. The prioritized selections made by the Regional Scholarship Committee should be forwarded to the President-Elect of SCATA.

The President-Elect of SCATA will notify scholarship winners of their status. All scholarship recipients and their guests will be invited via letter to the SCATA Spring Conference Scholarship Banquet which will be held in Columbia, SC in March 2018 (Date - TBA).

SCATA Scholarship Payment

The full amount of the scholarship will be made payable to an institution of the student's choice when the Secretary-Treasurer of SCATA has received official verification of the student's enrollment in that institution. Please note that this scholarship is paid directly to the institution only after a letter is received from the institution verifying the student is enrolled. *(The Secretary-Treasurer's contact information will be provided for recipients in the invitational letter to the March 2018 Scholarship Banquet.)*

2018 SCATA Scholarship
Free/Reduced Lunch Verification Form

Student Name: _____

School: _____

I certify that this student is eligible under current USDA guidelines for free or reduced priced lunch participation and that this student will meet the established criteria for obtaining a South Carolina High School diploma at the conclusion of this current school year.

Lunch Status of above named student: _____

Food Services Coordinator Name: _____

Food Services Coordinator Signature: _____

Food Services Coordinator Phone: _____

Parental/Guardian Notification for Disclosure Parental/guardian consent is required before eligibility information can be released to schools for local school programs such as athletics, books, summer school fees, and scholarship etc. A signed copy of the consent form should be kept at the school for reference when release of information is requested.

I certify that the lunch status above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I give permission for the school to release the free and reduced lunch information for the purposes of SCATA Scholarship.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

2018 SCATA Scholarship Application

Please print clearly or type

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First MI

Parent or Guardian's Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____
Number/Street City County Zip

Home Telephone: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Email Address: _____ Email Address: _____
(Applicant) (Parent or Guardian)

High School: _____ School District: _____
Name

School Address: _____
Number/Street City Zip

School Telephone: _____

Institutional Preference: _____ Have you been accepted? Yes [] No []
List other scholarships, grants, or aid (and their amounts) that you have received:

Awards

Extracurricular Activities

Leadership Roles

A completed SCATA Scholarship Application with all signatures must have the following attached:

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| Yes | No | A one-page personal typed narrative from the applicant explaining how he/she plans to give back to your community after college; Interests and academic aspirations should be included in narrative;
Scoring will be based on the state's standard for writing; |
| Yes | No | A letter of recommendation from a teacher of the applicant (on school letterhead); |
| Yes | No | A letter of recommendation from the principal (on school letterhead); |
| Yes | No | Copy of high school transcript; and |
| Yes | No | Certification letter from a school administrator and parent/guardian permission to release free and reduced information indicating the lunch status of the student |

I give my permission for the above information to be attached to this application.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____