

**The South Carolina Society SAR Scholarship is awarded annually to high school senior at the society's state convention. The scholarship is awarded on academic achievement, personal achievement, articulation of achievable goals and the demonstration of those characteristics that best reflect the principles and beliefs of the SAR, including character, good citizenship, patriotism, and participation of both school and non-school related extracurricular activities. Evidence of patriotic activities is essential.**

I. Qualifications

- A. The applicant must be a high school senior in an accredited public or private school or home school program.
- B. Applicants do not have to be related to members of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- C. Applicants must demonstrate significant academic achievement.
- D. Applicants must be of good character.
- E. Applicants must demonstrate good citizenship.
- F. Applicants must demonstrate patriotism.

II. Requirements: Application Package: A completed application package will consist of the following items described below:

- A. Completed application form (available on the [www.SCSSAR.org](http://www.SCSSAR.org) website)
- B. Recent picture of the applicant (no larger than 2"X3")
- C. Official transcript
- D. SAT or ACT scores
- E. Two recommendations (forms available on the [www.SCSSAR.org](http://www.SCSSAR.org) website)
- F. Written personal statement of the applicant

III. Application form

- A. Download the application template from our website ([www.SCSSAR.org](http://www.SCSSAR.org) , youth programs) and fill it in.  
It is available at the South Carolina Society website under youth programs.
- B. Save the application under the applicant's last name.
- C. Print out the application and sign. (Typewritten or handwritten applications are not acceptable.) Use the addendum form for additional pages.
- D. The application must be signed by the applicant.
- E. 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.
- F. Signatures must be legible, and state and national numbers must be included. Status of recommending members will be checked with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

G. The application should be submitted by mail by the applicant only. Third parties may not submit applications.

IV. Recent picture of the applicant - A recent picture must accompany the application form when mailed. The photograph may be no larger than 2"X3".

V. Official transcript

A. A transcript covering all high school work through the first session of the senior year is required.

B. Transcripts may be mailed directly by the school to the Scholarship Committee chairman or emailed (preferred) to [SCSSAR\\_Scholarship@BellSouth.net](mailto:SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net)

C. If submitted by the applicant with the application form, these transcripts must be in a sealed envelope.

VI. Standard Test Scores

A. SAT or ACT scores

B. These scores may be submitted on the transcript.

VII. Two recommendations

A. These recommendations must be from persons other than relatives or SAR members signing the application.

B. They should be knowledgeable as to the applicant's academic record, patriotism, community service and character.

C. One recommendation must be from a high school teacher of an academic subject and one from someone not associated with the high school or any other school the applicant has attended.

D. Partial recommendations are not acceptable.

E. Additional recommendations should NOT be submitted.

F. Recommendation forms are available from our website (SCSSAR.org), youth programs. Letters in lieu of the recommendation forms will not be accepted.

G. The recommendation forms must be e-mailed by the person completing the recommendation to: [SCSSAR\\_Scholarship@BellSouth.net](mailto:SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net)

H. Recommendations submitted by mail or by a third person will NOT be accepted.

I. Note: Recommendations must be realistic and believable.

J. Recommendations that rate the applicant as perfect will be rejected since perfection is not realistic.

K. Ratings of perfect on any category must be validated by documented evidence. This is required because of the many unrealistic recommendations that we have received in the past few years.

L. Recommendation inflation gives us no usable information.

M. Rejected recommendations may be replaced one time, but must be submitted by a different person.

### VIII. Personal statement

A. The personal statement must address each of the following:

- i. Applicant's achievements
  - a) Exclude your academic record.
  - b) Include achievements not evidenced elsewhere.
- ii. Applicant's aspirations
  - a) What do you want to accomplish in life — professionally, personally, etc.? Your goals should be achievable and reasonable.
- iii. Applicant's principles and beliefs — (What do you believe in and how do you try to live that out?)
- iv. Applicant's patriotism
  - a) Significant evidence of demonstrated patriotism is required.
  - b) This may take the form of public service, veteran service, membership in patriotic organizations, recognition of patriotism such as a Boy/Girl Scout patriotism badge, projects etc. Membership in political parties and work for political candidates is not acceptable.

B. Advice

- i. Tell us what you would like us to know about you.
- ii. Be honest.
- iii. Avoid the appearance of conceit and grand standing.
- iv. Be real.
- v. Include whatever you would like to tell us about yourself.

C. Submission of statement

- i. This statement must contain the applicant's name.
- ii. Personal statements submitted by mail or by third party will NOT be accepted.
- iii. The personal statement is to be submitted using our form by e-mail to:  
[SCSSAR\\_Scholarship@BellSouth.net](mailto:SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net)

D. Submission of application

- i. Mail (address below) or email (address given above) your application
- ii. Do not submit applications by registered mail. You will receive confirmation when we receive your application. If you do not contact the chairman.
- iii. If we have received all emailed material by the deadline and your application form is missing we will give you additional time to submit the application if you have contacted the chairman.

- IX. Deadline -All material must be received by the Scholarship Committee chairman on or before March 15, 2016.
- X. Confirmation of received material:
- A. All material submitted by e-mail will be confirmed upon reception.
  - B. Reception of mailed material may be by e-mail upon request.
  - C. No confirmation will be made by mail or phone.
  - D. Confirmation will only be made to a valid e-mail address submitted with the application material.
  - E. No confirmation may be made to third parties. (The privacy of the applicant is paramount. No information about the applicant will be released to anyone without a need to know.)
- XI. 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.
- XII. Selection
- A. Selection is based on a point system with weighted points for each category of criteria.
  - B. Evidence of patriotic activity is essential.
  - C. All members of the selection committee have equal votes.
  - D. The chairman has the sole authority to break any tie.
  - E. The decision of the judges is final and there is no appeal.
  - F. Disqualification: The chairman has the sole authority to rule on disqualification of a candidate.
- XIII. Presentation:
- A. The scholarship will be presented at the SCSSAR State Convention awards lunch on April 3, 2016.
  - B. The recipient will be expected to attend the presentation event.
  - C. Information on attendance will be provided before the State Convention.
  - D. The high school of the applicant will be notified by email if we have an email address. Permission to do so is implied by signing the application form.
  - E. Announcement and pictures of the winner may be published by the SCSSAR. Permission to do so is implied by signing the application form.
  - F. The amount of the 2016 SCSSAR Scholarship will be \$1,000.00.

SCSSAR Website: [www.SCSSAR.org](http://www.SCSSAR.org) see Youth Programs

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