

SHS CLASS OF 2015 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Springdale Public Schools Education Foundation Scholarship Program

PURPOSE

The SHS Class of 2015 Scholarship provides support to students who are a graduate of Springdale High School pursuing post-secondary education at a university, community college, or vocational school.

USE OF FUNDS

The SHS Class of 2015 helps deserving students further their education by providing financial assistance for tuition, fees and books over one academic year.

ELIGIBILITY

Qualified applicants must:

1. Be a graduating senior from Springdale High School,
2. Have demonstrated evidence of involvement in extracurricular activities at Springdale High School and/or community service in Springdale,
3. Be enrolling as a full-time student at a two- or four-year college or vocational school, and
4. Have a minimum 3.00 high school GPA.

Age, race, sex, marital status or religious affiliation will have no bearing on eligibility for this scholarship.

CRITERIA

The criteria for selection of the scholarship recipient is determined by the selection committee, and may include, but not limited to, academic performance, financial need, unusual circumstances, and volunteer, work, or extracurricular activities.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. Changes to the scholarship amount may be determined by the Foundation based on factors including, but not limited to, the amount of dollars available from the fund.

NON-RENEWABLE

This scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is as follows:

1. You must complete the online application by April 1st.
2. The selection committee will review applications and essays, selecting 4 to 5 qualified finalists.
3. The selection committee will interview the finalists.
4. The recipient will be notified of final scholarship decision at the SHS Senior Assembly.
5. The recipient must attend the Donors & Scholars Reception during the first week of June.

ESSAY QUESTION

Prepare a response to one of the following prompts. You will need to attach your Essay Response to your application as PDF. Limit your essay to 750 words or less.

1. Springdale High School consistently ranks among the top diverse schools in the state of Arkansas (top 5%) as well as having one of the largest student bodies (top 1%). Describe your experience navigating Springdale High School's diversity and how you believe your experience in this environment may shape your future or outlook on community beyond your educational career.
2. How do you give back to your community now and how do you plan to give back to your community after graduating from your 2-4 year and/or vocational program?
3. Some students have a unique story that is so paramount to their identity that their application would be lacking without including it. If you can relate to this feeling, please share your story.
4. Being an involved high school student, it can be difficult to balance multiple responsibilities and still perform at a high level in all of your commitments. Late nights, early practices, and classes and meetings in between. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed and unmotivated to keep going. Yet, we push forward. Tell us the why behind your passion to push forward.



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