



# Scholarship Guidelines

## *Sandy Sokol Memorial Fund*

**PURPOSE:** To reward young people who have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities, excellence in academics, involvement in school, community, and church, with the opportunity of furthering their education.

**DESCRIPTION:** The scholarship is an annual scholarship payable in the fall and spring semesters to the student's college or trade school of choice in the student's name.

### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

The applicant must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for a scholarship:

1. A high school graduate or GED recipient. (Current high school seniors are eligible to apply)
2. The applicant must meet the educational requirements.

### **GENERAL RULES OF APPLICATION**

An applicant who has not completed at least one semester of full time college coursework at the time their application is made must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must have a cumulative high school **Grade Point Average (G.P.A) of at least 3.0** on a 4.0 scale. **\*\*You are responsible for having your counselor calculate the GPA on a 4.0 scale – all applications not using a 4.0 scale will be disqualified.**

An applicant who has completed at least one semester of college at the time their application is made must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must have a cumulative college **Grade Point Average (G.P.A) of at least 2.75** with a minimum of 12 undergraduate credit hours or 9 graduate credit hours.

Previous recipients of this scholarship are eligible to re-apply although no scholarships will be automatically renewed. An updated application must be submitted each year for consideration. Applicants re-applying for a scholarship will be evaluated on the basis of their college record from the time the last grant was awarded to the time the pending application is reviewed by the Board of Directors.

An applicant accepted to one of the Government Military Academies\* is considered to have a full scholarship and will NOT be eligible to receive this award.

\*Government Military Academies include: US Air Force Academy, US Coast Guard Academy, US Military Academy (West Point), US Naval Academy and US Merchant Marine Academy.

Funds are not transferable to studies overseas unless payment continues to be made to the United States College, University or trade school.

## STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY DURING THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PERIOD

1. The recipient must be currently enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited university, college, or trade school.
  - Full-time enrollment requires the successful completion of 12 undergraduate credit hours or 9 graduate credit hours per semester.
  - Students who have a grade of incomplete ("I") at the end of the semester will not be considered for renewal if they fail to complete 12 credit hours.
2. The recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.75 in each of the semesters for which the scholarship is received.
  - Students who fail to obtain a 2.75 semester G.P.A. but achieve at least a 2.5 semester G.P.A. during the scholarship award period can be granted a probationary period during the following semester only. Probation is not available for any subsequent semesters.
  - Students who fail to obtain at least a 2.5 semester G.P.A. during the scholarship award period will not be considered for probation and the student will not receive the scholarship.
  - A student who is on probation must obtain at least a 2.75 semester G.P.A. during the probationary semester in order to re-apply for the scholarship.
  - Eligibility to continue on scholarship is checked at the end of the fall (December) and spring (May) semesters. Summer term grades are reviewed as part of the student's overall college record if the student applies for renewal but will not be used for determining reinstatement of scholarship or cause a student to go on probation.
  - **It is the student's responsibility to submit a copy of semester grades to the Sandy Sokol Memorial Fund at the end of each semester.**

## PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

All application forms must be mailed or emailed in ONE complete package, with the counselor's form and references included in separate sealed envelopes. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **Use only the space provided, DO NOT attach additional pages unless specifically stated.**

Make sure you have included the following in your application packet:

1. Student Application Form.
2. Counselor's Form (if first time High School applicant).
3. Your 7-semester HS transcript & ACT/SAT scores (or 8 semester HS transcript if applicant has graduated).
4. Proof of financial need.
5. All college, university or trade school transcripts if applicable.
6. A copy of estimated tuition costs from college handbook or web site.
7. Electronic Photograph for use by the Fund on Social Media and other advertising. (Must be sent via email)
8. Three Reference Forms filled out and submitted by an outstanding citizen.

Be sure to choose references that can adequately portray your academic merit and financial need. Please include sealed reference letters in your application packet. For insurance of timely receipt, do not mail separately.  
(Recommendation: Provide an addressed, stamped envelope to each reference for their convenience.)

## **APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mail or E-mail complete applications to:**

The Sandy Sokol Memorial Fund  
16131 FM 912  
Washington, Texas 77880  
[courtney@sandysokolmemorialfund.com](mailto:courtney@sandysokolmemorialfund.com)

Please retain proof of mailing date, or be sure to get a read receipt e-mail. It is the applicant's responsibility to retain proof of timely filing.

Applicants will be notified of their scholarship status as soon as the selection has been made via email. Questions regarding this scholarship can be directed to Courtney Hendrick at 979.421.0310 or by email listed above.