2020 SCATA and NAFEPA Scholarships 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 Friday, January 17, 2020. (District coordinators have the discretion to set an earlier deadline.)
- The district coordinator will convene a scholarship committee to score each application and submit the application of the district’s winner to the SCATA regional representative on or before Tuesday, January 21, 2020.
- Each SCATA regional representative will meet with Title I coordinators/directors within the region to score the district winners’ applications to identify the 3 regional winners by Monday, January 27, 2020.
- Recipients and schools will be notified of scholarship awards on or before Monday, February 10, 2020. Winners will be recognized in March of 2020.

Scholarship Qualifications

1. 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.
2. Applicant must be able to meet the entrance requirements of an approved post-secondary institution.

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 NAFEPA Scholarship scoring rubric 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 SCATA $2,000 scholarship recipient and the top 2 of 6 First place winners’ applications (highest scores) will be submitted to the National Association of Federal Program Administrators (NAFEPA) to compete for a national scholarship. 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 2020 (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 2020 Scholarship Banquet.)