



## **South Texas Soccer Referees, Inc. Scholarship Contest**

**Deadline Monday April 30, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

Email application packet to [SRA@STSR.ORG](mailto:SRA@STSR.ORG)

South Texas Soccer Referees, Inc. will award 3 merit based scholarships to high school seniors graduating in the spring of 2018.

### **Eligibility:**

The scholarship is available to any person currently registered as a U.S. Soccer Federation Referee in Texas South with South Texas Soccer Referees, Inc. The applicant must be in good standing with South Texas Soccer Referees, Inc. Applicant must be attending an accredited higher learning institution during the 2018-19 academic year (university, college, trade/vocational school, etc.) located in the United States.

### **Amount:**

The amount of the award will be \$1,000 per scholarship. The award will be paid directly to the school mentioned in the letter of acceptance.

### **Deadline for Filing:**

The application must be received via email no later than Monday, April 30, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

### **Application requirements:**

Please electronically fill in your answer to all the questions in the application below. Scholarship applicants must comply with all applicable deadlines published. Any false statements or misrepresentations made by the scholarship applicant may be grounds for disqualification from the scholarship competition.

Please email the completed packet in PDF form only which must include:

1. Application (see below)
2. The essays must be submitted in duplicate. (This means two copies of your submission)
  - The first copy must include the applicant's name in the header.
  - The second copy of essay must not contain any personal (name recognition) information.
3. Documentation of acceptance to an accredited higher learning institution during the 2018-19 academic year
4. Applicant must provide proof of a current GPA of 3.0+ cumulative (average letter grade B or average number grade 84). (See application form below)

Email application packet to [SRA@STSR.ORG](mailto:SRA@STSR.ORG). All applications must be emailed by the deadline. Scholarship application packet must be attached to email in PDF form only. Printed and mailed submission applications will not be accepted.

**Essay Rules:**

Essays will be evaluated anonymously on style and grammar, clarity of content, innovation and creativity, and conformity with topic. Students must submit a typewritten essay according to the following guidelines:

- The essay must be the applicants own work, original and unique content. No plagiarism or copyright infringement. Previously published or awarded material will not be accepted
- No more than 500 words and no less than 450 words, typewritten
- Times New Roman font, minimum 12 point size, double spaced, 1 inch margins
- A duplicate copy of the essay should be attached to the original but must not have any identifying information on it. The essay should be anonymous to the judges.

**Winner Determination:**

The essays entered by the applicants will be assigned a number and anonymous to the judges. Volunteer judges will be sent essays for their review and grading. All essays submitted will become the property of South Texas Soccer Referees, Inc. Please note that South Texas Soccer Referees, Inc. reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding eligibility and interpretation of the rules. In the event for any reason the winners do not meet all eligibility requirements the runner up in will receive the scholarship award.

**Winners:**

Winning applicants will be notified via email with a congratulatory letter ready for school submission into applicant's graduation announcements. This notification is schedule to take place no later than the end of the 1st week of May, 2018. Winning applicants will be required to complete an additional form identifying the school payee account number, school's address and the applicant's school student number.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

*Q: When will the payment be made to my school if I win?*

A: The payment will be made directly to the school prior to the fall semester. It is the institution's discretion on how the scholarship money is applied to the student's account and it will be up to the school when they post it to the account of the student.

*Q: Do I need to be accepted to a college, university, vocational or trade school before applying for this scholarship?*

A: Yes.

*Q: How will I know if my application was received?*

A: You will receive an email after applying to let you know that your application was submitted successfully.

