



2012 State APSCUF Scholarship

Dear Student Applicant:

The attached State APSCUF Scholarship packet should contain the following items:

- (1) Guidelines and Requirements;
- (2) Application;
- (3) Two Reference Letter Forms;
- (4) Application Checklist

If any of the information listed above is not included, please contact the local APSCUF office. You will need all the information in order to comply with the rules and procedures when applying for this scholarship.

All materials required for the State APSCUF Scholarship must be postmarked no later than March 2, 2012. The Committee will begin the selection process and award one (1), \$3000.00 scholarship in August 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Koutris, Director, Membership Services, toll-free, 1-800-932-0587, Extension 3021.

Sincerely,

State APSCUF Special Services Committee Members

Attachments

APSCUF State Scholarship Program Guidelines and Requirements

1. State APSCUF Scholarship eligibility rules: Must be a *family member of an APSCUF/APSCURF member in good standing or an APSCUF staff member. * For the purposes of this program, family member is defined as the following: spouse, child, parent, parent in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, domestic partner and any children who may be born to or adopted by one of the persons in a partnership or for whom one of the persons is the primary caregiver or financially responsible, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.
2. An eligible applicant must be enrolled at one of the fourteen (14) state-owned universities.
3. Scholarship will be awarded to an eligible applicant for the pursuit of either an undergraduate degree or graduate degree. For an undergraduate degree, the applicant must have completed and passed 30 credits with at least a 2.75 GPA. For a graduate degree, the applicant must have completed and passed nine (9) credits with at least a 3.0 GPA. All of the above stated credits must have been obtained at one of the fourteen (14) state-owned universities (no outside transfers).
4. Transcripts must accompany the application with the stated Grade Point Average of all completed credits.
5. Essay must accompany the application. Please note: This year's applicants can chose between one of two topics for their essay. The choices are as follows: "How has the union movement benefitted or influenced the rights and working conditions of the American worker?" or "What are your views on public service in the context of your professional future?" (500 words typed and double-spaced).
6. Must obtain reference letters from two different FULL DUES PAYING APSCUF/APSCURF members. Membership confirmation can be verified at the local APSCUF office.
7. State APSCUF Scholarship award will only be presented once to an eligible applicant in his/her higher education career. One (1) \$3,000.00 State APSCUF Scholarship will be presented in August 2012.
8. State APSCUF's Special Services Committee will review, evaluate and select the winner from all eligible applications/essays received. In no case shall an APSCUF Special Services Committee member take part in the consideration of an applicant if that applicant is a part of the Committee member's family as defined above or if a Committee member submits a reference letter on behalf of an applicant.
9. Completed application, essay and written reference letters, must be forwarded to: State APSCUF Scholarship Program, C/O Director for Membership Services
319 North Front Street Harrisburg PA 17101.

All materials must be clearly postmarked by a recognized postal service no later than March 2, 2012. A complete application packet can be downloaded from www.apscuf.org or you can obtain one at the local APSCUF office.

APSCUF State Scholarship Program Application

Student Name (last) _____ (first) _____ (mi) _____
Student ID Number _____
Home _____
Address _____
Telephone Number (Home) _____
Telephone Number (School) _____
E-Mail Address _____
University Attending _____

APSCUF/APSCURF Member Name _____
Address _____
University _____
Telephone Number (W)(____) _____ (H)(____) _____
Relationship to Applicant _____

APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Number of Credits Completed _____
Name of University where credits were completed: _____

Degree _____
Major _____

If applicable, other degrees earned and university: _____

Grade Point Average _____
University Activities _____

Community Activities _____

Two (2) References – APSCUF/APSCURF members other than member listed above (enclose written references per instructions):

1. _____

2. _____

Essay – Topic (chose one): “How has the union movement benefitted or influenced the rights and working conditions of the American worker?” or “What are your views on public service in the context of your professional future?” (500 words typed and double-spaced). Please attach this application form to your essay. All materials submitted, including the essay, WILL NOT be returned.

STATE APSCUF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
REFERENCE LETTER FORM

To the student: Fill in your name, signature, student ID number and date. Give this reference letter form to an APSCUF/APSCURF member who knows you well, and make arrangements to pick up the completed reference that has been placed in a sealed, signed envelope. Enclose both signed and sealed reference forms with your completed application and essay in an envelope which must be postmarked by a recognized postal system no later than March 2, 2012.

Student Name _____
Student Signature _____
Student ID Number _____
Date _____

To the APSCUF/APSCURF Member: The student named above is applying for a State APSCUF Scholarship. The scholarship program is intended only for students of "family members" of an APSCUF/APSCURF member or a State APSCUF Staff member. The student is required to submit two (2) separate references from APSCUF/APSCURF members (not from his/her family) who can testify to the student's educational experiences and/or accomplishments. You should complete this form, place it in a sealed envelope, sign your name over the sealed flap, and return it to the student so he/she can include it with the application and essay.

Your Name _____
Your Signature _____
Department _____
University _____
Office Phone _____
Date _____

Where would you place the student on this scale? Academics, service, extracurricular activities, and personal initiative – all may influence your ranking.

5	4	3	2	1		
one of the most excellent student			very good student	good student	fair student	
exceptional students I've known, among the top 5%	among the top 10-15%	among the top third	among the top half			

On a page stapled to this form, please tell the State APSCUF Scholarship Review Committee about how you know the student and why the student's educational experiences and other accomplishments make him/her a good scholarship candidate. Thank you for your time and commitment.

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exceptional	among the top	among the top	among the top		
students I've known, among the top 5%	10-15%	third	half		

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STATE APSCUF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Student's Name _____

- _____ received the Guidelines and Requirements, Application, 2 Reference Letter Forms and the Application Checklist
- _____ completed the Application Form
- _____ obtained your official university transcript
- _____ wrote the required essay, 500 words, typed and doubled spaced (Essay WILL NOT be returned to the applicant)
- _____ completed the top portion of the two reference forms
- _____ gave the two (2) reference forms to two (2) separate APSCUF/APSCURF members and made arrangements to retrieve them. Each reference must be in a separate sealed envelope, signed over the outside seal by the APSCUF/APSCURF member.
- _____ addressed a large envelope to:
State APSCUF Scholarship Program
C/O Director for Membership Services
319 North Front Street
Harrisburg PA 17101
All materials must be postmarked by a recognized postal service no later than March 2, 2012.
- _____ contained in this large envelope, addressed to the State APSCUF Scholarship Program should be the following:
 - _____ completed Application Form
 - _____ copy of your official transcript
 - _____ copy of your completed essay
 - _____ 2 Reference Letter Forms in sealed envelopes, which have been properly signed by the APSCUF/APSCURF member.
 - _____ 1st Reference Letter Form/Sealed Envelope
 - _____ 2nd Reference Letter Form/Sealed Envelope