

## SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Application**  
Must be fully completed and signed.
- Transcript**  
NOTE \* Request school/college to send current official transcript to SPJST Fraternal Department. The transcript must have a GPA on a 4.00 scale. If a school/college does not grade on a 4.00 scale, have a school official make the conversion and include it on your official transcript.
- SAT/ACT Scores**  
All high school seniors MUST submit an official verification of SAT or ACT scores. These scores should be submitted with a current, official transcript. Only those students applying for SPJST Technical Scholarship or those students enrolled in a junior college program that does not require an SAT/ACT score for admission are exempt from this requirement. Student must submit a letter from college that it does not require either test.
- Personal Statement**  
Send a personal statement that includes **why** you wish to go to college, **which** college you plan to attend, and your **planned major**. Explain how the scholarship will help you in no more than 300 words. The statement must be **typed or neatly written** on an 8 ½” x 11” sheet(s) of paper.
- References (3)**  
Send three written letters of recommendation from **three distinct disciplines** (i.e. clergy, high school officials, employers, professionals, etc.). References should reflect applicants aptitude, determination, and/or extracurricular involvement.
- Photo/Bio**  
Send one wallet-sized photograph of yourself. Attach photo (with tape on back) to an 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper.  
**Add the following to the sheet:**
  - Full name
  - Street address, city, state, zip
  - Parents’ or Guardian’s full names
  - High school attended
  - College you plan to attend
  - Planned major
  - SPJST lodge number and location

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Applicants must**
- Have an active SPJST insurance certificate in force for at least one year as of February 1; if the membership is in the form of an annuity, the amount must be at least \$10,000
  - Hold an active SPJST insurance certificate and/or annuity for the duration of the scholarship
  - Be a high school graduate or equivalent
  - Attend an accredited, as designated by the Southern Association Of Colleges And Schools Commission On Colleges, two- or four-year college, university, or technical college
- Active youth club members are encouraged to apply for both the Leadership Grant and the General Scholarship in their senior year of high school; however, they are only eligible to receive one.**

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- In addition to the previous list of criteria, the Leadership Grant is also based on youth club involvement from 8th through 12th grades.
- Leadership Grant Committee Judging Guidelines**
- References 25 points
  - Personal Statement 15 points
  - Youth Club Involvement 30 points
  - GPA 15 points
  - ACT/SAT 15 points

**All parts of grant application must be received by the SPJST Home Office on or before FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

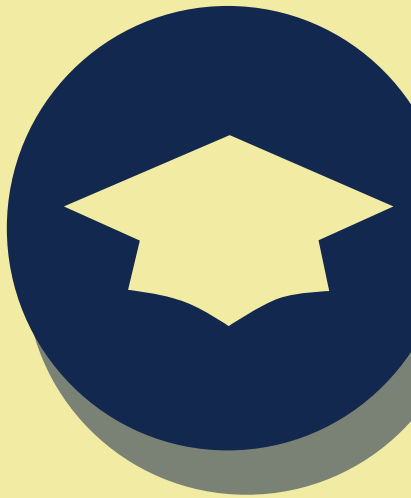
Students must request college to send Official Verification of Enrollment to the SPJST Fraternal Department. When verification is received, a check will be issued to the college and the student will be notified.

Leadership Grant winners must use award for **undergraduate** courses, within **two** years from the date the scholarship is awarded.



<p><b>Youth Club Involvement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended SPJST Summer Camp</li> <li>Participated in District YAD</li> <li>Participated/Attended State YAD</li> <li>Attended LIT Workshop</li> <li>Participated as a Youth Club Officer/Committee Member</li> <li>Participated in Majority of Youth Club Meetings</li> <li>Participated in District Spring Meetings</li> <li>Participated in District Fall Meetings/ Fun Days</li> <li>Participated in District Youth Socials/Trips</li> </ul>	<p><b>Years Participated (Circle where applicable)</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Fresh</td><td>Soph</td><td>Jr</td><td>Sr</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Fresh</td><td>Soph</td><td>Jr</td><td>Sr</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Fresh</td><td>Soph</td><td>Jr</td><td>Sr</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Fresh</td><td>Soph</td><td>Jr</td><td>Sr</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Fresh</td><td>Soph</td><td>Jr</td><td>Sr</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Fresh</td><td>Soph</td><td>Jr</td><td>Sr</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Fresh</td><td>Soph</td><td>Jr</td><td>Sr</td></tr> <tr><td>8th</td><td>Fresh</td><td>Soph</td><td>Jr</td><td>Sr</td></tr> </table>	8th	Fresh	Soph	Jr	Sr	8th	Fresh	Soph	Jr	Sr	8th	Fresh	Soph	Jr	Sr	8th	Fresh	Soph	Jr	Sr	8th	Fresh	Soph	Jr	Sr	8th	Fresh	Soph	Jr	Sr	8th	Fresh	Soph	Jr	Sr	8th	Fresh	Soph	Jr	Sr
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<p>I hereby confirm _____ is an active youth club member and has participated in the activities outlined in this application.</p> <p><i>Youth Leader's Signature:</i> _____</p> <p><i>Date:</i> _____</p>	<p><b><u>Youth Leader's Statement:</u></b> _____</p> <p>Comments: _____</p>																																								

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# LEADERSHIP GRANT

## *Application & Guidelines*



*To qualify, all required information must be submitted by **February 1.***

SPJST  
Attention: Scholarship Applications  
P.O. Box 100  
Temple, Texas 76503  
(254) 773-1575 • (800) 727-7578

## About SPJST

The SPJST was founded as a fraternal benefit society in 1897 by Czech pioneers in Texas to ensure the financial security of its members and their families by providing a wide range of insurance products and options which offer them peace of mind.

SPJST is more than just life insurance. The Society's commitment to improving the quality of life for its members is evident in the communities in which it serves. For more than 100 years, the SPJST and its local lodges have worked to establish the Society as a proactive fraternal organization. SPJST lodges sponsor a wide range of family-oriented activities and community service projects. Family activities may include musical and dance groups, dances, picnics, games, contests, summer camps, and youth activities.

SPJST offers annuities, IRA's, rest homes, travel, lodge membership, weekly news, fellowship, and community involvement to its members.

SPJST awards leadership grants to qualifying high school seniors.

For those members wishing to fulfill their dream of home ownership, the SPJST offers mortgage loans and mortgage protection to qualified members.



## SPJST Leadership Grant Application

*Please fill out, detach, and return with all other required information by **FEBRUARY 1.***

Name (in full): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Applicant's Statement:**

I hereby make application for an SPJST Leadership Grant and agree to abide by the rules and regulations.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_