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
- Be a full-time student
- 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 two- or four- year college, university, or technical college- as designated by one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States

General Scholarship recipients may only receive ONE General Scholarship.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Sept. Jan.** Scholarship application mailed to applicant upon request
- February 1
 Deadline for all requested paperwork

 April
 Applicants notified

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All parts of scholarship application must be received by the SPJST Home Office on or before FEBRUARY 1

Student 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.

Scholarship winners must use award for **undergraduate** courses, within **two** years from the date the scholarship is awarded, unless serving in the military; otherwise, scholarship will be forfeited.

If you have any questions regarding any of these requirements, please contact the Fraternal Department in advance of the application due date. (254) 773-1575 or (800) 727-7578

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Application

Must be fully completed and signed. An incomplete submission may result in disqualification.

Transcript

NOTE * Provide a 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

High school seniors MUST submit an official verification of SAT or ACT scores. 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 documentation from college stating 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 official, employer, professional, etc.). References should reflect applicants aptitude, determination, and/or extracurricular involvement.

Photograph and Biographical Sketch

Send one close-up facial photograph of yourself. Attach photo (with tape on back) to an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11" sheet of paper. Add the following to the sheet:

Full name Street address, city, state, zip Parents' or guardians' full names High school attended College you plan to attend Planned major SPJST lodge number and location

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| Applicant's Signature: | reby make application for an SPJST | Expected Date of College Graduation: | High School Graduation Date: | Lodge Number: District Number: | | in full): | c 、 |
| Date: | Applicant's Statement: I hereby make application for an SPJST Scholarship and agree to abide by the information printed in this brochure | I am applying for: □ College Scholarship □ Technical Scholarship | _ I am entering college for the: $\Box 1^{st}$ year $\Box 2^{nd}$ year $\Box 3^{nd}$ year $\Box 4^{th}$ year | Certificate Number: | City: State: Zip Code: | Telephone Number: () | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , |

SPJST **General Scholarship Application** Please fill out, detach, and return with all other required information by FEBRUARY



SPJST is a fraternal benefit society that has been providing service for its members and their families since 1897.



Send Scholarship Application to:

SPJST Attention: Scholarship Applications P.O. Box 100 Temple, Texas 76503

To qualify, all required information must be received on or before February 1.

About SPJST

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

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 120 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, IRAs, travel, lodge membership, weekly news, fellowship, and community involvement to its members.

SPJST awards scholarships to qualifying high school seniors and college undergraduates.





2020 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

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