



Senior Update

Pepsi Golf Tournament Scholarship Program

Greenville County Schools Pepsi Golf Tournament Scholarship Program has been developed to provide district seniors with financial assistance for their freshman year of post-secondary education. Funding is provided from proceeds of the Greenville County Schools-Pepsi Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Two students from each District high school may be nominated each year to receive a scholarship award. Half the scholarships are designated for children of district employees. The number of scholarships and financial amount are determined each year based on tournament proceeds. Each school sending in a completed application will receive a scholarship. 2009



Award \$1,200 (\$600 per semester).

Scholarship recipients must earn and maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours each academic term of their freshman year. Scholarship awards will be paid to each student's post-secondary institution of choice with half paid each academic term.

Eligibility is based on GPA of 3.0+, rank of top third in senior class, and school/

community activities. Essay, two letters of recommendation, and list of school/community involvement are required. The student must not have received notification that he or she will receive a scholarship of \$5,000 or more from another source by date winners are named. (Palmetto and Life Scholarships are exempt) See Mrs. Sudduth for application. Deadline February 20, 2009 to Mrs. Sudduth.



Sirrine Scholarship Information

Applications for Sirrine Scholarships are here. The J.E. Sirrine Scholarship Program was established through the generosity of the late Joseph Emory Sirrine, who left the bulk of his estate as a perpetual memorial to his father and mother, the income to be used to assist deserving graduates of Greenville County high schools to further their education.

Any member of the Class of 2009 of a Greenville County public high school is eligible to apply. Your parents

must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The amount that you and your family can reasonably be expected to provide for you schooling is compared with the cost of attending your chosen school in order to determine financial need. Applicants for colleges, junior colleges, and community colleges are ranked according to their high school rank-in-class and their American College Testing (ACT)/ or Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores. Applicants for technical and vocational schools are

ranked according to rank-in-class only. Awards are then made to the highest ranking applicants, according to their financial need, until the money available is exhausted.

Applications are available in Mrs. Sudduth's office. You must complete the top half of the School's Recommendation page. Then you will receive an application. You are responsible for sending the application and relative paperwork. Deadline for application is April 15, 2009.

Top Number Acceptances So Far...

NGU	13
Clemson	6
College of Charleston	6
USC	5
USC Upstate	5
Winthrop	4
Charleston Southern	4

Special points of interest:

- If you miss our Financial Aid Night on Thursday, January 22, make sure to print a copy of the Financial Aid Guide available on our school's website to learn much more about the financial aid process. Also, check with the financial aid office at the college for detailed information.

Scholarship Opportunities Continued...

SC Law Enforcement Officer's Foundation offers 4 scholarships totaling \$10,000. One of the awards will be presented to the child of an SCLEOA member. Requirements are as follows: completed application (copies available at www.scleoa.org), 1,000 word essay, guidance counselor recommendation and transcript. Completed application must be post-marked by Friday, February 13, 2009.

James F. Byrnes Scholarship Program was established in 1949 to assist young South Carolinians who had lost one or both parents to obtain a college education. The annual award of \$3,250 is applied for each year of a four-year bachelor's degree program. The scholarship is renewed annually contingent upon the recipient's maintenance of satisfactory academic standing, need for financial assistance and participation in Byrnes Scholar activities. To be eligible, a student must: have one or both parents deceased, have a satisfactory academic record, demonstrate excellence in character, ability and enterprise to indicate that the student will make worthwhile contributions to society, have need for financial assistance in order to attend college. Visit www.byrnesscholars.org to obtain an application packet. Applications must be submitted before February 15, 2009.

Best Buy Scholarship Program will offer 1,000 scholarships of \$1,500. Eligibility criteria includes solid grades and involvement in volunteer community service or work experience. Visit bestbuy.com/scholarships to apply.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will offer five \$1,500 scholarships and two \$600 book awards to deserving African-American male and female students. Scholarships are awarded based on grades, SAT/ACT scores and finan-

cial need. A complete application packet must contain your application form, 3 letters of recommendation, official transcript, 2008 W2 forms from both parents/guardians, and SAT/ACT scores. Completed applications must be received by March 14, 2009. See Mrs. Sudduth for application.

America's Milk Processors (the folks who bring you the "got milk" and Milk Mustache ads) and USA TODAY are pleased to bring the 12th annual "Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year" (SAMMY) 2009 Award Program. An athlete from our high school could be one of the 25 winners who will receive the following: a \$7,500 college scholarship from the Milk Processor Education Program, an invitation for winners to attend a SAMMY 2009 weekend at the Disney World Complex in Florida scheduled for June 2009, and an opportunity to be pictured in a special congratulatory Milk Mustache ad in a June 2009 edition of USA TODAY and other national publications. Judging of the nominees will be based on five criteria: academic performance (35%), athletic excellence (35%), leadership (15%), community service (10%) and milk experience (5%). Applications will be accepted until March 6, 2009. Visit bodybymilk.com for an application.

The Hispanic-American Women's Association offers 6 scholarship awards to deserving candidates of Hispanic descent (only Spanish speaking countries, first or second generation) with legal status in the USA, and GPA 3.5+. Application must include a copy of the household federal income tax return for the year 2008 with family income no greater than \$60,000, short essay, letter of acceptance to post-secondary school, copy of documents showing legal status in the USA and proof of residency. All applications

are due by March 31, 2009. See Mrs. Sudduth for application.

Watson-Brown Foundation has online scholarship applications available at www.watson-brown.org/scholarship. Completed application includes: online application form, essay, financial need stated, optional student resume, transcript, two letters of recommendation and IRS form 1040 from 2007 or 2008.

Major-Woodruff Educational Scholarship Program scholarships were established to recognize academic excellence and total leadership qualities of African-American high school seniors in Abbeville and Greenville Counties. Requirements: must be a minority graduating in 2009, GPA 2.5+, enrolling in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate program, 3 letters of recommendation; two from school personnel and one from a non-relative; photo, transcript and essay. See Mrs. Sudduth for the application. Deadline April 13, 2009

The South Carolina Education Association-Retired administers the J.P. Coates/SCACT Scholarship annually to promising young people who plan for and pursue a career in education and attend an accredited four-year college or university in South Carolina. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for four consecutive years. Additional requirements include: good high school academic record and 3.0 maintained in college, leadership abilities, financial need, and picture. Deadline March 15, 2009. See Mrs. Sudduth for an application.

DECA members- See Mr. Laughter for the application catalogue containing scholarship opportunities for DECA members. Scholarship applications can also be found on the DECA web site at www.deca.org