

SPS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY:

FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS APPLYING IN THEIR JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR

(except for two year college applicants who should apply after completing one semester of physics)

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) Scholarships is to encourage the study of physics and the pursuit of high scholarship.

AWARD

The awards, in the amounts of \$5,000, and \$2,000, are payable in equal installments at the beginning of each semester or quarter of full-time study. In the event that a recipient is unable to complete the term of study the recipient shall promptly resign the scholarship and relinquish the financial claim on the Society of Physics Students and the American Institute of Physics (AIP).

BASIS OF SELECTION

In determining the recipients, the SPS Scholarship Committee shall consider the following:

- (1) high scholarship performance both in physics and overall studies,
- (2) the exhibition of the potential and intention for continued scholastic development, and
- (3) active participation in SPS programs.

These three criteria are given equal weight.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be undergraduates applying in their junior or senior year; they must major in physics and must be active members of the Society of Physics Students. Graduating seniors are welcome to apply, and should indicate in their application how the scholarship fits into their future educational plans.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms are available from SPS Chapter Advisors. Applications, and all supporting materials, must be postmarked on or before February 15, and must be sent to SPS Scholarship Committee, Society of Physics Students, One Physics Ellipse, College Park, MD 20740.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The recipients of the Society of Physics Students Scholarships will be announced in April. Notification will be sent to all other applicants shortly thereafter.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION

FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION FORM

This application form must be completely filled out by printing in ink or typing it. Additional sheets may be inserted as needed; these must be 8 1/2" x 11" sheets. Place your name at the top of each sheet and insert within the application. *The applicant mails this form to the SPS Scholarship Committee.*

WHAT NOT TO DO

- (1) Do not send a resume.
- (2) Do not send published papers, newspaper clippings, or other items not specifically requested.
- (3) Do not send a photograph. (One will be requested if you are selected.)
- (4) Do not expound on the plight of the world (Question 14) but describe your own plans and what you intend to do.

TRANSCRIPT

An official, certified, current transcript *must be sent directly to the SPS Scholarship Committee by your college or university.*

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters from at least two full-time members of the faculty must be filed in support of your application. These faculty members should know you and your qualifications. A copy of the SPS Scholarship flier from the previous page should be given to the faculty members writing a letter of recommendation to inform them of the basis of selection of the recipient. They should comment on you in light of each of the three criteria.

These letters are to be forwarded directly to the SPS Scholarship Committee by their authors. The application is not complete until these letters are received by the SPS Scholarship Committee.

FILING THE APPLICATION

The application and all supporting information must be postmarked on or before February 15, but the earlier, the better. Transcripts require time for processing before they are mailed. Asking faculty members for their letters of recommendation early will avoid putting them under time pressure and will work to the applicant's advantage. It is recommended that ordinary first-class mail be used; it is not necessary to use special delivery or express mail. If acknowledgement of receipt of the application is desired, please enclose a self-addressed postcard.

CHECKLIST

- (1) Application: Date mailed: _____
- (2) Transcript: Date requested: _____
Date mailed: _____
- (3) Letters of recommendation:
 - a. Name: _____
Date requested: _____
Date mailed: _____
 - b. Name: _____
Date requested: _____
Date mailed: _____

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12. I have requested letters of recommendation from the following two faculty members who know my qualifications. If applying for the Peggy Dixon Two Year College Scholarship, one letter must be from a Two Year College faculty member. (Letters must be postmarked on or before February 15.)

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

13. Outline of physics and mathematics courses with number of credits in baccalaureate program by year. Courses already complete should be so labeled. These should agree with the submitted transcript. Courses now in progress or planned for next year should also be included. Other relevant future courses can be included.

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FINAL YEAR

Endorsement of appropriateness of study plan by department _____

(Signature)

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14. Career objectives. (Write a clear statement of your career objectives. Indicate how your plan of study relates to those career objectives and to your continued scholarly development in physics.)

15. Active participation in SPS. [Write a clear statement concerning your active participation with your SPS chapter indicating activities you participated in, activities you organized, office (local and/or national) which you held, etc. Include other relevant extracurricular activities both on and off campus. Confirmation of these activities are expected in the letters of reference.]

Date _____ Signature _____

I have attached a separate statement of need (for the Herbert Levy Memorial Endowment Fund Scholarship consideration only).

I have attached a statement from my advisor certifying my participation in a teacher education program (for the SPS Future Teacher Scholarship consideration only).