



Dedicated to Academic Success

APPLICATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 2015

2015 Endowed and Memorial Scholarships

W. Ben Nesbit Scholarship - \$500

This scholarship is given in honor of Dr. Ben Nesbit, SVHS Principal 1977- 1992. It is awarded to a student graduating from Spring Valley who is the son or daughter of a faculty or staff member of Richland School District Two (**parent's name and RSD2 location and position must be included in information submitted**). The student must have a strong school and personal record in academics and in school or community activities.

Dr. Gregory C. Owings - \$500

This scholarship is given in honor of Dr. Greg Owings who served as Principal of SVHS from 1999 to 2012. The recipient must have a 3.0 or higher GPA, must be accepted to and attending the University of South Carolina. Financial need will be a major consideration along with participation in athletics and community service.

Val Schulz Scholarship - \$500

This scholarship is given by CIC Office volunteers and other friends in honor of Val Schulz, when she retired as Director of SVHS's CIC Office. Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to academics and have a minimum 3.0 GPA or above. They must be involved in community service, extracurricular activity and/or work. They must submit an essay that reveals their aspirations, character and why they need the financial assistance. Finalist will have a brief interview.

Wendy Noel Lippincott Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is given in memory of Wendy N. Lippincott who graduated from SVHS and attended Clemson University before her death. Any female student who will attend Clemson University, has a "B" or above average, is active in sports and school activities and has not received other scholarships is eligible. The applicant need not be in the top of her class or have financial need.

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Matthew Ryan Jones Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Matt was a 1999 SVHS graduate who died at age 20 after a courageous life-long struggle with cystic fibrosis. Despite many challenges, he valiantly pursued his goals and dreams and attended Clemson University before his death. Applicants must be: highly motivated students, unable to attend college without financial assistance and accepted at either Clemson or USC. \$500 will be awarded for each semester of the recipient's 1st year of school and will be paid directly to the University.

Wes Brown Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is given in memory of Wesley R. Brown, a 1997 graduate of Spring Valley HS and a 2001 graduate of the University of South Carolina. Wes enjoyed all sports, including his four years playing football for Spring Valley, and was an avid USC fan. Applicants should have a "B" or above average, have participated as an athlete, a cheerleader, a trainer or manager or have other involvement with student athletics, be accepted and planning to attend USC, and need financial assistance.

Ashley Nicole Dent Math & Science Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is given in memory of Ashley Dent, a Discovery student at SVHS in 2006, who died during her Junior year. Ashley was an Honors student, Varsity soccer player and lettered in cross-country. Ashley's infectious smile and love of life was evident to all who knew her. Ashley planned to major in medicine and her goal was to be an orthopaedic surgeon. Applicants should be highly motivated, planning to major in Math or Science, have a "B" or above average and be active in sports. Scholarship will be paid directly to the university.

Podell Family Scholarship - \$500

The Podell Family Scholarship is designated for a student who has demonstrated leadership and modeled their life to educate their peers about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

Ethel McDuffie Overton Lea Memorial Scholarships – two \$1,000

This scholarship was established by Dr. Jim Overton, a former member of the SVHS Guidance Department, in memory of his mother, who was an educator.

Two merit-based \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to individuals who demonstrate a sincere and active commitment to learning, focused extracurricular involvement and unique character. Applicants should submit an essay of no more than 500 words that reveals the uniqueness of their character. The essay can be one used in the college application process.

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Zemar D. Roberts Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Zemar was a 2002 Spring Valley HS graduate who was a Student Government Officer and played in the Viking Band. He graduated from college while serving in the Navy and Marines. After completing his military service he continued to serve his country as an employee of the Veteran's Administration. In all aspects of his life, Zemar's infectious smile and upbeat spirit were his trademarks. This scholarship is given in his memory by former teachers and friends to be awarded to a student who demonstrates leadership qualities and perseverance in overcoming significant obstacles in order to pursue his/her education. Applicants must have: 1) a 2.0 or better cumulative GPA, 2) participated in one or more extracurricular activities at SVHS, 3) be accepted to and planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college or university, and 4) demonstrate the need for financial assistance.

David J. Oberly Mathematics Scholarship - \$500

This scholarship was funded by former students in memory of Dave Oberly, the long-time, revered teacher of mathematics at Spring Valley High School who is remembered by his students for "making mathematics fun!". It is primarily needs-based and will be awarded to a student with an interest in mathematics who has demonstrated that s/he will be successful in attending the college of his/her choice, in or out of state, by graduating from Spring Valley High School with a "B" or near "B" average

BUSINESS / TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

The following will be awarded to students who will pursue a business or technology-related course of study or career. Please read carefully for specific criteria. Preference will be given to students who are the most deserving, have demonstrated a strong desire to continue their education or training and need financial assistance to do so. Be sure your responses or recommendations include any special financial or other circumstances that should be considered by the selection committee. Information you provide will remain confidential.

Taco Bell of Columbia - \$1,000 Scholarship

To be awarded to a student who will attend a school that awards a 2 year certificate or greater with an emphasis in the area of Hotel/Restaurant and has the greatest financial need.

Alan H. Brill Facial Plastic Surgery "TURN AROUND" - \$500 Scholarship

To be awarded to a student who has changed course and overcome significant obstacles in order to pursue his/her education. GPA of 3.0 or higher required.

Bauknight Pietras & Stromer P.A., CPAs - \$500 Scholarship

Funded by the firm of 1975 SVHS graduate Tom Pietras, this award will go to a student who plans to be an accounting, business or finance-related major and may not have a lot of resources to help continue his/her education.

J. Corey Stringfellow Art & Writing Scholarship Fund - \$1,000

This \$1,000 scholarship is given in honor of Corey Springfellow, a student at SVHS, who died in 2013 at the end of this sophomore year. Corey was an A-B student with a unique talent for art and writing. The recipient must have a "B" or above average, be active in sports, enjoy writing and plan to major in Art Studio or Graphic Design, or a similar area of study.

Stefanie Martin Memorial Scholarship – two \$1,000

This scholarship is in memory of Stefanie Martin who was a SVHS graduate, class of 2014. Stefanie had an accident, which resulted in major back injury but was still determined to run on the SVHS cross country and track team. Stefanie was a freshman at Clemson University when she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She passed away 3 months later. The recipient must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, plans to continue their education at a community college, a technical or trade school or a 4 year college and has dealt with a hardship or major difficulty in their life. Examples of this are major illness or injury, handicaps, family hardships, immigration from a different country, losing a love one, etc. The candidate is expected to write an essay about this hardship and how he/she dealt with it.