

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an SNPJ Scholarship, the student must meet the following requirements:

- ◆ Be an SNPJ member for at least two years
- ◆ Have a \$5,000 minimum permanent life insurance policy in place (\$2,000 if purchased prior to January 1996)
- ◆ Enroll as a full-time (at least 12 credit hours) or part-time (at least 6 credit hours) student at an accredited college, university or trade school

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

REGULAR

Maintain at least 2.5 GPA (out of 4.0)
1040 tax forms (\$20,000 per dependent per family allowed)
Participate in one SNPJ approved activity annually

ACADEMIC

Maintain at least 3.2 GPA (out of 4.0)
Age 30 or under
Participate in one SNPJ approved activity annually

SNPJ ACTIVITY

Maintain minimum of 2.5 GPA (out of 4.0)
Age 30 or under

Perform extensive SNPJ Activity, which includes avid participation in the following activities:

- ◆ Social and athletic events
- ◆ Meetings and conferences (attendance or service)
- ◆ Youth Roundup or Teens Experience Leadership (TEL) (attendance or service)
- ◆ *Voice of Youth* or *Prosveta* (article contribution)
- ◆ Youth Circle or other cultural activities
- ◆ Lodge or Federation (provide service, hold office, or serve on committee)
- ◆ Attend Young Adult Conference

Additional requirements include:

- ◆ Membership longevity and dedication to SNPJ
- ◆ Letter from the Lodge Secretary detailing the student's activity

The final decision on acceptance into the SNPJ Activity Scholarship program will be at the discretion of the Society's Scholarship Committee.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general eligibility requirements, **all applicants accepted into the scholarship program MUST comply with the following additional requirements in order to receive an award.**

1. Complete at least one of the following approved SNPJ activities annually:

- ◆ Attend Lodge meetings
- ◆ Attend or volunteer at special Lodge events
- ◆ Write an article to be published in *The Voice of Youth* or *Prosveta*
- ◆ Enter the Miss SNPJ pageant (eligible females only)
- ◆ Participate in an SNPJ athletic tournament (bowling, golf, balina, softball, etc.)
- ◆ Help organize a youth activity at your Lodge
- ◆ Hold an office in your Lodge
- ◆ Work as a counselor for Youth Roundup (must be interviewed and selected by Fraternal Department)
- ◆ Attend Young Adult Conference
- ◆ Volunteer to work during Slovenefest at the SNPJ Recreation Center
- ◆ Participate in or volunteer at an SNPJ organized activity
- ◆ Perform community service on behalf of SNPJ (must be approved by Fraternal Department)
- ◆ Recommend a new member to SNPJ

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

Initial Application is due by August 1.

- ◆ Students can receive up to 8 payments, assuming all requirements continue to be met.
- ◆ Full-time students (12+ credit hours completed) receive \$400 following the end of each fall and spring semester for a total of \$800 per academic year.
- ◆ Part-time students (6 – 11 credit hours completed) receive \$200 following the end of each fall and spring semester for a total of \$400 per academic year.
- ◆ Letters of acceptance will be sent to all students selected for the program. Included with this letter is the first renewal form to be sent with the next semester's grades.
- ◆ **Scholarship renewal forms** are due each year on **February 1** (for fall semester) and **August 1** (for spring semester). Blank renewal forms are sent with each payment and should be retained for the next semester.

Important Notes

Selection of students to receive a scholarship award will be based on evidence of the applicant's school record, personality, character, SNPJ-approved activity, need for financial aid (if applicable) and academic achievement. Selection is also based on the recommendation of the local lodge of which the applicant is a member.

It is understood that the recipient of the scholarship agrees, at all times, to aid our SNPJ and fellow members. It is also understood if the recipient leaves the Society prior to five years after receiving the final scholarship award, the collateral assignment of his/her certificate shall be operative, and that the applicant agrees to assign his/her policy value to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Carefully review all of the scholarship requirements.
2. Select the **scholarship type** for which you qualify.
3. Complete the scholarship application and deliver to your **Lodge Secretary for signatures**.
4. Return the signed application along with following items to the SNPJ Home Office by the **August 1st deadline**:

_____ **Copy of your last grade report or transcript** (Transcripts do not have to be originals, but must show student name, semester, GPA, and number of credit hours completed).

_____ **Short essay** about fraternalism, the principles of SNPJ and how they work in our Society and its lodges.

_____ **Brief history** of your life, high school accomplishments, past awards and achievements, and college plans.

_____ **Copies of your parent's and your 1040 tax forms for the previous year** (if applying for the Regular Scholarship).

_____ **Copy of the Lodge Secretary's letter** (if applying for the Activity Scholarship).

Please make sure all of the applicable items listed above are included when mailing your application. Failure to provide all required information at one time may result in denial of your application.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the Slovene National Benefit Society.

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SNPJ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM



Slovene National Benefit Society

*A fraternal benefit for
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