

2018 Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival Scholarship Program

Sponsored by Sopchoppy Preservation and Improvement Association



Sopchoppy Preservation and Improvement Association (SPIA) is proud to announce the establishment of the **Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival Scholarship Program**. Under the Program, SPIA will award one \$1,000 scholarship each year to a high school student from the Sopchoppy area at the annual festival.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- The applicant must have a Sopchoppy, Florida mailing address to be considered for the scholarship.
- Applicants must be a student enrolled in twelfth grade in the Florida educational system.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.
- Application deadline is Friday, March 23, 2018, by 5:00 p.m. to be received by SPIA. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Scholarship funds will be paid to scholarship recipient in September of 2018. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to SPIA a copy of their registration, schedule, and/or receipt for tuition to a college or technical school in order to receive the scholarship funds.

Mail one copy of a completed typed application package to: Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival Scholarship Committee, c/o Sopchoppy Preservation & Improvement Association, P.O. Box 272, Sopchoppy, FL 32358. Please note it must be received by March 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., to be considered. The applications will be reviewed and the recipient will be selected by a committee of volunteers from Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival Committee. Scholarship is achievement-based, not need-based. The scholarship will be awarded at the festival the second Saturday in April each year.

Please submit any questions to: princessopchoppy@aol.com.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2018

Please type or print your answers.										
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7.*	<p>*If additional space is needed, please provide information on a separate sheet of paper and attach to application.</p> <p>A. List any academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school:</p> <p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, and school-related volunteer activities:</p> <p>C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:</p>
8.	<p>A. If you have decided on what college/school you will attend, please list school name:</p> <p>B. If not, list your top 3 college/school choices:</p>
9.	<p>Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.)</p> <p>Name(s) :</p> <p>Street:</p> <p>City: State: Zip:</p> <p>Home phone of parents/legal guardians: Work phone:</p>

10. On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay (between 250 - 500 words) answering the question below:

Describe what living in Sopchoppy means to you, how it has shaped who you are today, and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote SPIA's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to SPIA's requirements, I must be present at the festival on **April 14, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.** to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this scholarship applicant's cumulative grade point average (GPA) is correct as stated above and that I support this application for the Sopchoppy Preservation and Improvement Association Scholarship.

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

High School: _____

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist: ___ Application (including Guidance Counselor signature) ___ Essay

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