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Dear Unit Director,

With the new season upon us, the Southeastern Color Guard Circuit is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2026 scholarship program. We are proud to provide this great opportunity to recognize and honor performers for both their spinning and playing ability, as well as academic achievement.

Previous years have shown that the Southeastern Color Guard Circuit has many well-rounded young men and women who participate in the activity and continue to do so for many years. Please help us ensure that every qualified student is provided the opportunity to apply for assistance as they strive to reach their future goals by sharing this information with your members.

The following scholarships will be awarded for the 2025/26 season.

- One (1) scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to the top-scoring applicant, regardless of affiliation.
- One (1) scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to the 2nd highest scoring applicant, regardless of affiliation.
- One (1) scholarship of \$250 will be awarded to the 3rd highest scoring applicant, regardless of affiliation.
- Additional scholarships may be awarded as deemed by the committee and Board of Directors.

Five (5) individuals in no way affiliated with any SCGC member unit will review submitted applications. These individuals will have a background in music education, color guard, winds, and/or percussion. The five individuals assisting us in this process will not be revealed and the decisions they make are final.

The deadline for applications is **March 9, 2026**. Application materials postmarked or submitted after this date will be not be accepted. (Please note that aspects of the application are submitted using different methods; email, online and US postal mail. All portions of the application must be received before or on the deadline date.)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Best of Luck this season!

Danielle Todd, SCGC Scholarship Coordinator



REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

SOUTHEASTERN COLOR GUARD

CIRCUIT SCHOLARSHIP

1. Units of those submitting scholarship applications must be signed up to compete at the 2026 SCGC Championships for guard, winds, or percussion.
2. Students applying for the SCGC Scholarships must be a high school senior and/or will be enrolled as a full-time student at a university, college, trade school, or career/technical school in the fall of 2026/Spring 2027 (current college students may apply if they are NOT in their final semester of study).
3. **ONLINE** : Complete the application found on the SCGC website. All questions on the scholarship application must be answered and truthful. Be sure to complete the application when time is not an issue (there are short answer questions that take time to answer). The application must be completed in one sitting, you cannot save it and return later to complete it. Unfortunately, you will have to start the entire application over.
(Be sure you have phone numbers and email addresses for your three references when you begin.) Read the instructions carefully throughout the application.
4. Students will be required to submit the following items in addition to the online application:
 - A. High School transcript as of current semester or graduation date. This must be an official copy and SAT/ACT scores. Many schools provide these via email. If sent via email, the transcripts must be sent by a school official and not the student or director's email. (An official copy of SAT/ACT scores not required; Copy accepted) (**MAIL/EMAIL** to Danielle Todd)
 - B. College transcript (if applicable). This must be an official copy. (**MAIL/EMAIL** to Danielle Todd)
 - C. Be sure to include accurate email addresses for Three (3) references. One should be your unit director, the other two should be from people NOT affiliated with your unit. (**ONLINE** within application) You will receive a confirmation email when your references are notified. Please do not list family members as references.
 - E. Two photos of applicant **EMAILED** to scgcscholarship@gmail.com Should the applicant be awarded a scholarship, these photos may be used on the SCGC website and/or championship program (List applicants full name as the subject of the email).
7. All applications must be complete by March 9, 2026. Any application missing required elements listed above will not be considered. A checklist has been included on a following page.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 9, 2026



SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Note: You will receive confirmation that your application has been processed and your references have been emailed based on the timeline listed below. You will not receive confirmation that recommendations were completed, transcripts were received, or photos were received. If they are missing when evaluation begins and are needed, you will be contacted via the email provided in the application.

_____ Submit **ONLINE** Application at this link [at this link](#)

_____ Provide email addresses *in the application* for Three (3) letters of reference/recommendation (**ONLINE**)

- 1 unit director
- 2 NOT affiliated with your unit (may not be a second director, choreographer, band director or instructor)
- References listed on your application will receive an email with the link to complete the registration form on February 1, 2026. If you apply prior to this date. Please do not email inquiring about reference links prior to February 1, 2026.
 - After February 1st, once you submit your application, the individuals listed as references will receive the recommendation form via email within one week of your application submission.
- Please inform the individuals you listed as references of this process; They may need to check their spam folder. After the initial February 1st release, links will be sent weekly. If your reference does not receive the link to complete the form within 7 days of your submission, please email scgcscholarship@gmail.com.

_____ **Email 2** photos (be sure to include one headshot)

Email to: scgcscholarship@gmail.com

List your FULL NAME as the subject of the email(s).

You will not receive confirmation that these are received, but if they are not received and needed, you will be emailed.

_____ **Email** official high school or college (if applicable) transcript to scgcscholarship@gmail.com no later than **March 9, 2026**. This must come from a school official, not the applicant.

You may choose to mail your official transcript instead. It must be postmarked before or on **March 9, 2026**. Please mail to:

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REFERENCE INFORMATION

This form is designed to aid you in securing the information for your three references. Please fill out the top portion and use it when you fill out the application. Detach the bottom portion and give it to your three references.

**YOU WILL NEED TO USE THIS FORM FOR ALL THREE (3) REFERENCES
(therefore be sure to print 3 copies)**

Reference:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Detach below and give to your references.

Dear _____,

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for my 2026 SCGC Scholarship Application. I will list you as a reference on my application and provide your email address. You will receive a link to a reference form from SCGCscholarship@gmail.com.

Please add this email address to your address book or check your spam folder often. Links for applications submitted prior to February 1st will be sent on February 1st. After, February 1st, links will be sent weekly. In the event that you do not receive a link to the reference form within 7 days of the application submission or you feel that your email system may blocked the email (schools with spam filters tend to do this) please email Danielle Todd at SCGCscholarship@gmail.com and request a link to the form.

Please complete the emailed reference form no later than **March 16, 2026**.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 9, 2026