

# Starkville Foundation for Public Education (SFPE) Scholarship Descriptions & Criteria

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disqualification of your application.*

## **Carrie Hawkins Leadership Scholarship - (\$500)**

The ***Carrie Hawkins Leadership Scholarship*** is awarded for the exceptional leadership of one senior. The namesake of this award was a teacher in the Starkville School district for over 30 years. The award is a \$500 gift to a graduate who has displayed exceptional leadership in the school and community in both academics and non-academic school activities. The application should include: (1) a resume, (2) three (3) signed recommendation letters (at least one of which must be from a high school teacher), and (3) a **225-300 word maximum essay** written by the applicant to include the following information:

- Description of leadership in non-academic school activities
- Description of leadership in academic school activities
- Description of leadership in the community
- Goals to be achieved as a result of receiving this scholarship
- Impact this scholarship will have on your future educational pursuits

## **Hannah Pote “Grit” Award and Scholarship (Male & Female) - (\$500, two awarded)**

The ***Hannah Pote “Grit” Award and Scholarship*** is awarded to one female and one male athlete who have participated in ANY sport for at least three years (years do not have to be consecutive but must include senior year) and has a C average (2.0 GPA) or above. This award will not necessarily be awarded to the top athlete, but is for an individual who is a dedicated member of the team, perseveres in spite of obstacles, is a true team player, and is innovative in adding spirit and personality to the team. The recipient will be attending a four year College/University, Community College, or Vocational/Technical School. This application should include: (1) a resume, (2) three (3) signed recommendation letters (one from the coach, one from a peer, and one from a high school teacher), (3) a letter from a community member documenting community involvement or other extracurricular activities, and (4) a **225-300 word maximum essay** written by the applicant to include the following information:

- What it has meant to you to participate on a team and what having “grit”, as a team member, means to you
- Involvement in school, community and extracurricular activities
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## **John Moore “Continuing Education” Scholarship for Vocational/Tech School (\$750)**

The ***John Moore Scholarship*** is awarded to a student who would like to continue his/her vocational or technical training. Eligible examples include two-year trade schools, cosmetology, computer technology, auto mechanic, culinary school, or medical technologist training. Similar training programs are acceptable. This scholarship is named after Mr. John Moore, a gifted Vo-Tech teacher at SHS for many years. His patience, love and dedication to his students was apparent every day in the halls and classrooms at SHS. The application should include: (1) a resume, (2) three (3) signed recommendation letters (at least one of which must be from a high school teacher), (3) applicants must be recipients of the Free or Reduced Lunch Program (statement from school district required), and (4) a **225-300 word maximum essay** written by the applicant to include the following information:

- Description of any vocational/technical training or experience
- Description of participation in school or community activities, organizations, clubs, etc.
- Goals to be achieved as a result of receiving this scholarship
- Impact this scholarship will have on your future educational pursuits

## **Music Legacy Scholarship - \$1000**

The ***Music Legacy Scholarship*** is awarded to a student for exceptional musical ability (instrumental, voice, or both). This is a grassroots, SFPE scholarship funded by the Community of Starkville and the Foundation for Public Education. The application should include: (1) a resume, (2) three (3) signed recommendation letters (at least one of which must be from a high school teacher), (3) recording of TWO (2) different live performances on one DVD or posted to your YouTube channel, and (4) a **225-300 word maximum essay** written by the applicant to include the following information:

- Description of musical talent and what music means to you
- Description of academic school activities that involve music
- Description of your involvement with music in the community
- Goals to be achieved as a result of receiving this scholarship
- Impact this scholarship will have on your future educational pursuits

## **Spirit of the Foundation Scholarship – (\$500)**

The ***Spirit of the Foundation Scholarship*** is awarded to a student who would like to continue his/her education at a four-year College/University, Community College, or Vocational/Technical School. The application should include: (1) a resume, (2) three (3) signed recommendation letters (at least one of which must be from a high school teacher), (3) applicants must be recipients of the Free or Reduced Lunch Program (statement from school district required), and (4) a **225-300 word maximum essay** written by the applicant to include the following information:

- Description of participation in academic, non-academic, extra-curricular and/or community activities
- Goals to be achieved as a result of receiving this scholarship
- Impact this scholarship will have on your future educational pursuits