

ABOUT SPJST

A Fraternal Benefit Society



Providing service for members
and their families
since 1897

The SPJST was founded as a fraternal benefit society in 1897 by Czech pioneers in Texas to ensure the financial security of its members and their families by providing a wide range of insurance products and options which offer them peace of mind.

SPJST is more than just life insurance. The Society's commitment to improving the quality of life for its members is evident in the communities in which it serves. For more than 100 years, the SPJST and its local lodges have worked to establish the Society as a proactive fraternal organization. SPJST lodges sponsor a wide range of family-oriented activities and community service projects. Family activities may include musical and dance groups, dances, picnics, games, contests, summer camps, and youth activities.

For those members wishing to fulfill their dream of home ownership, the SPJST offers mortgage loans and mortgage protection to qualified members.

SPJST offers annuities, IRAs, lodge and youth club membership, weekly news, fellowship, and community involvement to its members.

The SPJST awards scholarships and grants to high school seniors and college undergraduates.



GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

Guidelines & Application



Read Instruction Guidelines Carefully

*To qualify, **all** required **information** must be submitted by **February 1** to:*

SPJST
Attention: Fraternal Department
P.O. Box 100
Temple, TX 76503
(254) 773-1575 • (800) 727-7578

Name (in full) _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Lodge # _____ District # _____ Certificate # _____ Social Security # _____

High School Graduation Date _____ I am entering college for the: 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year

Expected Date of College Graduation _____ I am applying for: College Scholarship Technical Scholarship

Applicant's Statement: I hereby make application for an SPJST Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules and regulations.

Applicant's Signature

Date

SPJST General Scholarship

Please follow Guidelines and submit ALL required information listed below (1 – 6), by February 1.

- 1. Application:** Must be fully completed and signed.
- 2. Transcript:** NOTE * Request school/college to send current official transcript to the SPJST Fraternal Department. The transcript must have a GPA on a 4.00 scale. If a school/college does not grade on a 4.00 scale, send a conversion chart along with transcript.
- 3. SAT/ACT Scores:** All High School Seniors **MUST** submit an official verification of SAT or ACT scores. These scores should be submitted with a current, official transcript. Only those students applying for SPJST Technical Scholarship or those students enrolled in a junior college program that does not require an SAT/ACT score for admission are exempt from this requirement. Student must submit a letter from the college that does not require either test.
- 4. Personal Statement:** Send a personal statement that includes **why** you wish to go to college, **which** college you plan to attend, and your **planned** major. Explain how the scholarship will help you in no more than 300 words. The statement must be **typed or neatly written** on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet(s) of paper.
- 5. References and Recommendations:** Send **three** written letters of recommendation from three distinct disciplines (i.e. clergy, high school officials, employers, professionals, etc.) References should include a judgement of applicant's potential.
- 6. Photo/Bio:** Send **one** wallet-sized portrait of yourself. Attach photo (with tape on back) to an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Add the following to the sheet:
 - Full name
 - Street address, city, state, zip
 - Parents' full names
 - High school attended
 - College you plan to attend
 - Planned major
 - SPJST lodge number and location

Who is Eligible

Applicants must:

- (1) Have an active SPJST insurance certificate in force for at least one year.
- (2) Hold an active SPJST insurance certificate for the duration of the scholarship.
- (3) Be a high school graduate or equivalent.
*General Scholarship recipients may only receive **one** general scholarship.*

Send All Required Information to the SPJST Home Office by February 1st

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NOTE: All parts of scholarship information must be postmarked no later than * February 1st *

For questions and more information call:
(254) 773-1575 or (800) 727-7578

Dates to Remember

- Scholarship application mailed to applicants upon request **Sept. – Jan.**
- Deadline for all requested paperwork **February 1st**
- Winners notified **April**

Student must request college to send Official Verification of Enrollment to the SPJST Fraternal Department. When received, a check will be issued to the college and the student will be notified.

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(Scholarship winners must use award within **two** years from the date the scholarship is awarded.)