



## **NSPS FOUNDATION TRIG-STAR SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RULES 2016-2017 CONTEST**

Adopted March 11, 2007 (Revised September 19, 2013)

### **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

Applicants must be high school seniors who have participated in the Trig-Star Contest at some point in their high school career, and plan to enroll in a college degree program that leads to either a two year Associates degree or a four year program leading to a Bachelor degree in surveying and mapping (the Land Surveying profession). The applicant does not have to have won any level of the Trig-Star Contest but must have participated in the contest when offered at their high school.

### **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS**

Eligible institutions include any public or private, generally accredited college or university with a curriculum leading to a either a two year associates and / or four year bachelors degree with a land surveying major.

### **AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

The intent is to award one five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) scholarship each year to a student beginning their secondary education with the intent to pursue a degree in surveying and mapping with a desire to become a Licensed professional.

### **TIMING OF THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship will not be issued until the student enrolls in the program. The scholarship will be sent to the recipient, split one half each for the first two semesters or one third for the first three quarters. Prior to the NSPS Foundation sending payment to the recipient, the recipient must submit information and a payment request to the NSPS Foundation. The request must include: proof of enrollment in the approved program taking classes leading to the selected degree, and grades from the previous term showing at least a 3.0 GPA if request is for second or third term as appropriate.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Interested persons may apply by completing the application form available by request from the NSPS Foundation. All materials must be received by June 30, 2016 to be considered for an award in the following academic school year. The completed application form must be accompanied by:

1. Indication of when the applicant competed in the Trig-Star contest.
2. High School transcript.
3. One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or a past employer.
4. A one page, double spaced, typed essay from the applicant specifying:
  - a.) Educational goals
  - b.) Career goals
  - c.) Why their qualifications justify them receiving the scholarship.

## **SELECTION**

Applicants shall be ranked by the Trig-Star Scholarship Selection Committee according to their level of academic achievements, desire to pursue a career in surveying and mapping, and the quality and neatness of their essay. The rank order list shall be forwarded to the national Trig-Star Committee for awarding of a scholarship to the recipient. Alternate recipients may be selected in the event that the prior ranked recipient is unable or declines to accept the award.

## **AWARD NOTIFICATION**

The Trig-Star Committee or designee will send the top ranked recipient a notice of award in July of the contest year, the notice will specify the terms of the award. The recipient shall return the scholarship notice of award acknowledging the terms and accepting or declining the offer within 15 days. An offer not returned within the fifteen days shall be deemed as not accepted.

## **TIME PERIOD FOR ELIGIBILITY**

The awards shall be for the period of one academic year.

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

Upon verification of registration for full-time enrollment each term in a surveying and mapping curriculum, as outlined above, checks in the name of the recipient will be issued to the recipient in substantially equal disbursements for each academic term/semester.

## **PUBLICITY**

Annually the Trig-Star Scholarship Committee will provide notice of the Trig-Star scholarship program, including rules and application forms, with information regarding the Trig Star contest. When the recipient has accepted the scholarship, the committee can provide appropriate publicity to and on behalf of the NSPS Foundation, NSPS, state and local survey and mapping societies, surveying and mapping magazines and periodicals, and the recipient's college. The recipient agrees to the release of their name, in association with an award, by applying for this scholarship.

## **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT**

National Society of Professional Surveyors  
ATTN: Trig-Star Scholarship  
5119 Pegasus Court, Suite Q  
Frederick, MD 21704  
Phone (240) 439-4615  
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Deadline for Submission: September 30, 2017

*Type or clearly print in the spaces provided and return to:*

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Name First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Composite: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Enclose official transcripts of all high school classes to date)

Date of local Trig Star Contest Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University program you are considering: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

What Degree do you expect to earn? \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a one page double space typed essay about yourself specifying:

- A) Your educational goals
- B) Your career goals
- C) Why your qualifications justify you receiving this scholarship.

Attach your high school transcripts and a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or guidance counselor. Feel free to include additional information regarding special honors or awards you have received, as well as any work experience you have.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all information I have provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of the information on this form, my transcripts, and other information deemed necessary to determine award. I give permission for the selection committee to contact high school officials or employers for academic information or references. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_