



California School Personnel Commissioners Association

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CSPCA President's Scholarship Award (General Instructions)

The President's Scholarship is an annual award from the California School Personnel Commissioners Association (CSPCA) to a deserving high school senior student enrolling in an accredited institution of higher learning / or technical school who will be graduating high school with a minimal Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0. Proof of graduating GPA will be requested before the award is released.

This award will provide \$1,000.00 directly to the student for the purposes of supplementing tuition or living expenses, and will not be disbursed directly to a designated technical school, college or university. The purpose of this scholarship is to help defray some of the costs necessary to put advanced education more within the grasp of the hard working parents and family of our classified staff members throughout the Merit System School Districts of California.

This scholarship will be awarded to children of personnel commissioners, directors and classified staff members employed in a Merit System School District whereas that membership is current and paid. Award of the scholarship shall not be contingent on the student's course of study. Children of Personnel Commissioners and Directors that are active members of the CSPCA Board of Directors are prohibited from participating in this scholarship award.

This scholarship will consist of an essay not less than 350 words (but can be any length above the minimum to support the thought of the author) and written in **American Psychological Association (APA) format in order to keep all submissions consistent.** This is the accepted format for academic papers and is easily acquired through the internet (link provided) or bookstores (<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/18/>).

The primary subject matter will be centered around merit and / or ethics and its impact on our lives, society, job, school etc. The contest will open no later than February 1st by announcement of the specific essay subject matter in the CSPCA newsletter, Scholarship Form and / or website www.meritsystem.org with the deadline for submission to be posted no later than the 31st of March in the same year. All submissions will be sent to the CSPCA Board of Directors Secretary at the email address below.

Grammar, vocabulary, adherence to format, adherence to submission deadline, and attention to detail does count and will be subject to the grading criteria. Literacy is essential in today's business as well as social communications and the essay should reflect that. The essay should also be consistent with the ethical values held and endorsed by CSPCA members and the Merit System.

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