SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCEAN COUNTY

Craig Henry Chief School Administrator

December 11, 2024

Dear Members of the Class of 2025, Parents/Guardians:

The Southern Regional School District is pleased to announce the Class of 2025 Southern Regional Local Scholarship Program. This unique program, offered to every member of the senior class, has helped many of our graduates continue their education at some of the best colleges, universities, and post-secondary schools in the country. Last year, the Class of 2024 was awarded \$988,656.00 in local scholarships. These awards were presented to 299 members of the class by 344 donor organizations. This amount is over and above the scholarships awarded by colleges, universities, and national endowment programs. Our local community supports the efforts of our students in a way that other communities cannot imagine. We are extremely proud to offer this program to our students and value it greatly.

All members of the Southern Regional Class of 2025 are encouraged to apply for this program. To be considered for a scholarship, students must complete the online scholarship application that will be available on the District's website starting December 11. The application deadline is January 31 at 5:00 p.m. To be fair to all participants, there will be no extensions to this deadline.

Enclosed are instructions for the online scholarship application. Click <u>here</u> to view a broadcast overview with your child before he/she completes the application.

Approximately 90% of the donor organizations select their student recipient/s based on the donor groups' own unique criteria. Some donor organizations require additional information (essays, transcripts, etc.) from students. Students should regularly review the list of local scholarships on the District's website to determine if additional information is required. A school committee is populated by teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators who select the remaining 10% of the scholarship appointments in adherence with the donor groups' criteria.

Important Dates

December 11	Scholarship Application Opens
January 31	Scholarship Application Closes at 5:00 p.m.
May 5	Selected students will receive an email notifying s/he has been awarded a scholarship/s at 3:00 p.m.
May 11	Scholarship Night RSVP Due (link in student email). Students are expected to attend.
May 21	Scholarship Awards Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kristie Prescott, the local scholarship project manager, at 609-597-9481, ext. 4412.

Students must apply to be eligible for local scholarship consideration!

Sincerely, Ciain & Henre

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

<u>Directions</u>: Students must follow the instructions below to complete the scholarship application. Please note that this application is not mobile-friendly. Parents are encouraged to review the completed application.

- 1. Go to <u>www.srsd.net</u>
- 2. Go to the Guidance tab and select Scholarships
- 3. Click Scholarship Application
- 4. Click Apply Now
- 5. Click on "Log in using Google"
 - a. <u>Username</u>: first letter of your first name, full last name, then the last 2 digits of your graduation year, and then @srsd.org. **EXAMPLE: chenry25@srsd.org**
 - b. <u>Password</u>: the password you use to log into your District Google Account.
- 6. Enter the five-digit student ID
- 7. Enter the student's birth date
- 8. Click on "Verify Identity"
- 9. Complete the application
- 10. All fields marked with a *red asterisk* must be completed for the form to be submitted
- 11. If you are unable to complete the application in one session, you can select SAVE AS DRAFT
- 12. If you SAVE AS DRAFT, you must go back and click SAVE by January 31
- 13. Students and parents will receive an email confirmation when the application is SAVED

<u>Please note</u>: Some scholarships require additional information (essays, transcripts, etc.). Scholarship lists and requirements are updated often. Students MUST regularly review the list of local scholarships on our website to determine if additional information is required.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Prescott in the Board Office (609)597-9481 ext. 4412 or Briana Ott in the guidance office (609)597-9481 ext. 4602.