

**Frequently Asked Questions About the  
Savannah River Remediation (SRR) Family Scholarship Program**

**ELIGIBILITY**

**1. What happens to my eligibility if my parent ceases to work for SRR prior to the selection of winners?**

If your parent's employment with SRR terminates before the selection of winners, your eligibility will cease. The exception is death.

**2. If I have taken some advanced courses at a college or university does that disqualify me from the competition?**

No. As long as you are a 'resident' student still enrolled in high school, in pursuit of a high school diploma, you are eligible.

**3. I have a grandparent who works for SRR. Would I be eligible for a scholarship?**

No. Grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, and uncles do not meet eligibility requirements. NOTE: Adopted children, stepchildren, and legal wards of employees are eligible.

**4. Am I eligible for a scholarship if I plan to attend nursing school/electronics school/junior college?**

No. Study program must be toward a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university.

**5. I'm going to finish high school early so I won't be graduating with my class. Am I permitted to apply for a SRR scholarship even if I don't actually "graduate?"**

Occasionally students have the opportunity to enter or continue college and get credit for finishing high school graduation requirements simultaneously. Application should be made in your last year of high school. Once you are enrolled full time at a college, you lose your eligibility for a SRR Family Scholarship.

**6. If I don't graduate when expected (due to illness, teachers' strike or other reason), can I apply the following year for the scholarship competition . . . or am I permitted to compete only one time?**

If you will graduate within the same calendar year, your application will receive the same consideration for award during the current year's competition. Failure to graduate within the same calendar year would preclude any award from that year's competition. Application could then be made under the following year's competition, assuming you were still a full-time high school student.

**7. Are dependents of retirees eligible for the awards?**

No. Children of retirees are not eligible to participate in the SRR Family Scholarship Program.

**8. Are dependents of WSMS employees eligible for the awards?**

No. Children of WSMS employees are not eligible to participate in the SRR Family Scholarship Program.

**9. Can more than one member of the same family win SRR scholarships?**

Each application is evaluated on its own merit. Therefore, no applicant is penalized because other family members are in the same competition. Brothers and/or sisters may win Family Scholarships in the same competition.

**10. Are home-schooled students eligible for the scholarship competition?**

Home instruction candidates are eligible for the program. Each home instruction scholarship applicant must provide, along with a completed SRR Family Scholarship Program application:

- a copy of his/her state's policies and procedures for home schooling;
- a notarized copy of all related correspondence and approval letters required by that State to approve the individual's course of study; and
- a copy of all standardized test results required by the State for juniors and seniors on home instruction.

In addition, home instruction students may wish to take the G.E.D. as supplemental evaluation material in lieu of a transcript. In this case, the student should provide a notarized copy of his/her G.E.D. test scores. Please note that taking the G.E.D. is optional.

**TEST**

**11. I have already taken the required test but the scores were not sent to the SRR Family Scholarship Program. How do I arrange for SRR to receive my scores from previous tests?**

Call the Educational Testing Service (609) 921-9000 ext. 7600 to arrange to have your scores sent to SRR. Or, you may use the Report Request Form available at your high school to request these scores. The scholarship code for SRR is 3703.

**12. I missed the registration date. Can I still arrange for testing?**

Possibly. Limited standby (walk-in) spaces may be available. (Standby candidates are admitted only if space, materials, and staff are available to test them after pre-registered candidates have been accommodated.) Check with your high school counselor or the Educational Testing Service for the procedures.

**13. What accommodations are made for students with disabilities?**

All applicants are evaluated using the same standards. However, SAT testing is set up to make accommodations for people with disabilities. Call (609) 771-7137 or email [ssd@info.collegeboard.org](mailto:ssd@info.collegeboard.org) for information and forms.

**14. Can I take the test more than once? If so, which scores will be used in the competition?**

Students who feel that their test score does not adequately reflect their abilities are permitted to take the test again. On the average, the scores of students who repeat the SAT increase only 15 points. Of additional interest is the fact that while approximately 65% of those who retake the test receive higher scores, 35% experience a decrease in their score. The higher a student's initial score, the greater the probability that subsequent scores will be lower. **The highest score achieved on the test will be used for the SRR scholarship competition.**

**15. Who sees my test scores?**

Your test scores are held in strict confidence. Only personnel directly involved in the selection process see your test scores or any part of your application. No information on any applicant is made available to employees, organizations or any requesting third parties.

**SELECTION**

**16. Do I have to major in an area which will benefit SRR or can I major in whatever I desire?**

Selection of winners is not biased for, or against, any field of study. Winners in recent years have pursued such diverse areas of study as engineering, medicine, music, art, liberal arts, dentistry, and veterinary medicine.

**17. Is "need" a factor in deciding who wins a scholarship?**

No. In the SRR Family Scholarship program, winners are determined on a competitive basis. Students demonstrating the highest degree of scholastic aptitude, achievement, leadership, and general ability are selected. No financial information is solicited or used during the selection process.

**18. Does sex or race have any bearing on who wins a scholarship?**

No. If more males apply than females, the chances are greater that more males will win. If more applicants of one race apply than another, the same circumstance would hold true.

**WINNERS**

**19. How are winners determined? What is the selection process?**

Applicants are judged on the four components which make up their application:

- Test scores
- Class standing and grades
- School, community, and employment activities and leadership roles
- Honors and awards

Test scores receive relatively high weighting for several reasons:

1. The SAT Reasoning Test provides a validated measure of the developed verbal, mathematical, and writing abilities that are related to successful performance in college.
2. The test provides a common measuring stick when comparing applications, as all applicants take the same SAT Reasoning Test.

Winners are selected on the basis of the best overall combination of performance in four areas (SAT Reasoning Test, activities, academic grades and achievement).

**20. How/when are the winners and non-winners notified of the results of the competition?**

You will be notified in April of the results of the competition after the selection process is complete. Also, a sitewide communication announcing the winners will be issued.

**21. If I win a scholarship, how and when will I receive the money?**

The scholarship checks are sent to the scholarship winners in June 2011. Winners will receive a single payment in their designated award amount.

**22. If I win a SRR Family Scholarship, are there any reasons or situations that would prevent me from actually receiving it?**

Only if you fail to meet the enrollment and institution requirements — a recipient must be enrolled in the fall semester following graduation from high school in a bachelor's degree program at an accredited college or university.

**23. Are there any restrictions on financial aid I can accept from other sources?**

There are no such restrictions.

**OTHER**

**24. If my application has already been submitted and I want to add something, such as an award I received, how do I transmit that information to you?**

Just send to us in writing what it is you wish to add. The address is listed on the top of the procedure page on the application.

**25. If I received a significant commendation/award/etc., should I attach it (or a copy) to my application?**

Yes, if you feel that the information is relevant to the competition.