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**Abraham Scott
The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund
Post Office Box 1023
Springfield, Virginia 22151**

District Office or High School

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in October 2001 by the husband (Abraham) and family members of the late Janice Marie Scott to honor her legacy as a tremendous advocate for youth and supporter of community service within the Greater Metropolitan Area of Washington, DC. Mrs. Scott was among the 125 individuals who perished in Pentagon on September 11, 2001 when terrorists crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the building of the Pentagon. As Chairman of the Board of Directors, I am please to announce that scholarships will again be made available at the national level during High School Academic Year 2015/2016 from the Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund.

It is my intention to recommend that the board members approve between three to five scholarships for this high school academic year. The amount of each scholarship will be \$2,500. These scholarships will be issued on a one-time basis. A check for the amount of the scholarship will be sent directly to the college or university of each scholarship recipient for posting to his/her student account.

If a high school senior wishes to apply, he or she must complete the application at enclosure 1 and must submit it along with the other required documents as specified in the criteria sheet at enclosure 2. I would like to point out two key changes from our scholarship program for high school academic year 2014/2015. The first is the parent's combined adjusted gross income or AGI ceiling. The ceiling for the AGI has been reduced from \$60,000 to \$50,000. The second is the elimination of the requirement to submit two letters of recommendation. These changes are reflected in the criteria sheet. The application and required documents must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline date of March 31, 2016. Application packets should be mailed to the following address: Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund, ATTN: Abraham Scott, Post Office Box 1023, Springfield, Virginia 22151. I have also attached as enclosure 3 a checklist for applicants to ensure the required documents and signature(s) are included in the application packets. The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship is primarily a need based scholarship.

If you should have any question, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. My cell phone number is (703) 981-0535 (do not disseminate this telephone number to applicants or parents). The e-mail address is geraldine@starpower.net. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Abraham Scott
Chairman, Board of Directors
Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund**

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**Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund (JMSMSF)
Criteria Sheet**

I. Qualification/Eligibility

- a. US Citizen or permanent resident of US
- b. GPA of 3.0/equivalent or higher (out of a 4.0 scale)
- c. High School Senior who will matriculate full-time at a US accredited four-year college or university within the fifty states or District of Columbia.
- d. Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participating in community services or other extra curricular activities.
- e. Combined adjusted income of the parent(s) cannot exceed \$50,000.

II. Required Documentation

- a. **Application**- Each candidate must submit a complete and timely application. An application will be considered incomplete and not processed if all instructions have not been followed or the material presented is insufficient to permit an adequate review. Do not send supplemental or corrected material after the deadline date. Applications must be typed or completed with the use of a black/blue writing ink pen. The staff of the JMSMSF will not accept any application packet or portion thereof that is filled out with a pencil. Application and required documents should be neat and easy to read. Materials should be impeccable in terms of appearance and legibility. Mail the complete application packet so that it is received or postmarked on or before the deadline date of March 31st. Application packet should be mailed to:

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- b. **Official Transcript**- An official copy of the applicant's high school transcript provided by the high school staff in a sealed envelope must be included in the application packet. Submission of an application along with the required documents for this scholarship constitutes your authorization for the JMSMSF Scholarship Selection Committee to review your academic record.
- c. **Financial Document** – The submission packet must include a copy of the applicant's Student Aid Report (consists of three to four pages) from the Department of Education or FAFSA. If applicant can't obtain any one of these reports, the applicant can submit a copy of the parent's income tax return (Submit only the front and back of the IRS Form 1040 or IRS Form 1040 EZ) for the year prior to the year in which the application packets are due. (WILL NOT ACCEPT INCOME TAX RETURNS OF ANY OTHER YEARS). For example, you should submit your parent's income tax return for tax year 2015 in the application submission packet due on/or before March 31, 2016.
- d. **High School Senior Picture** - A high school senior picture or a picture taken above the waistline and in color. The picture must be an original or printed on official photo paper. Do not submit any picture taken at an angle. Applicant is required to print his/her full name on the reverse-side of the picture.
- e. **Essay** – Each candidate must provide a 500-1000 word essay focusing on “Describing his or her planned undergraduate study and how he or she plans to apply it upon graduation” or “Who is your role-model and

how he or she has influenced/impacted your life". The individual cannot be a relative. Essay technical requirements: double space, 11 point font size, one inch margin on all sides, submit original only, submit in English, and certify authorship/originality at the end of the essay. The essay will be evaluated on originality, content, thought provoking ideas, innovation, and concepts previously unpublished. Applicant must certify the authenticity of the writing at the end of the essay by affixing the below statement and then signing beneath it.

"I certify that I personally wrote this essay"

Signature

- f. **Application Submission Instructions:** Do not staple or place paper-clips on any documents in the submission packet. White-out or line-through with an ink-pen any sensitive information such as social security numbers on any documents in the application submission packet.

Scholarship Application

Deadline: March 31st

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund

You are to submit all documentation to The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund, ATTN: Mr. Abraham Scott, Post Office Box 1023, Springfield, Virginia 22151

I, _____ have read and understand the requirements of the Janice M. Scott Scholarship Fund application submission process. I authorize school personnel of my high school to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration by the Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund Scholarship Selection Committee. I understand that this application will be made available only to qualified individuals who need to see it in the course of their duties. I waive the right to access any sealed prepared and/or written documents in support of my application submission process. If selected for a scholarship, I agree to allow my photo and mini-BIO be posted on the Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund's website. I also affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date _____ Signature _____ *

Legal name in full (Print/Type)			
	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Address of Permanent residence	Number, Street, and Apartment Number		
	City	State	ZIP

Name of your High School			
	School Name		

Address of High School			
	Address	State	ZIP

<input type="checkbox"/> African American	Home telephone: ()
<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
School telephone: ()	
E-mail address: _____	

Class Rank: Number _____ out of a total of _____ Seniors	Date of birth	Age
		Month/Day/Year

(Check one) I am a US citizen Permanent resident Resident alien expecting citizenship by the date of award

Current cumulative GPA	On a scale of
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Number of member(s) in household _____. Number of member(s) in household who will be attending college during the fall semester _____.

*Parent or Legal guardian's signature is required if applicant is under 18 years of age.

Name:

1. List high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.) List in descending order of significance.

High School Activities

Dates

Offices

2. List public service and community or civic activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc). Do not repeat items listed previously. List in descending order of significance.

Activities/type
Of work

Role/employer

Dates

of Weeks Active/Average
number of hours or weeks

3. List part-time/full-time jobs, non-government interns, and government activities (internships with government agencies, partisan political activities, ROTC, municipal boards, and commissions). List student government under item 1.

4. List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions that you have received. List in descending order of significance.



**JANICE M. SCOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
CHECKLIST**

- 1. Is the application signed by the applicant?.....**_____
- 2. Is the application also signed by a parent or legal.....**_____
guardian if the applicant is under the age of 18?
- 3. Did the applicant include a complete copy of his.....**_____
or her Student Aid Report (approximately four
pages) from the Department of Education, FAFSA
(Approximately seven to eight pages) submission to
the Department of Education, or Parent's Federal
Income Tax Return (front and back only of the IRS
Form 1040 or IRS Form 1040 EZ)?
- 4. Does the scholarship packet include an official.....**_____
copy of the applicant's high school transcript?
- 5. Does the scholarship packet include an essay?.....**_____
- 6. Does the scholarship packet include a picture in color.....**_____
of the applicant (see criteria sheet)?

