

October 20, 2016

Dear Counselor:

This academic year, South Plains College will award more than \$825,000 in scholarships to new and returning students. As your seniors begin the scholarship application process for Fall 2017, we want to point out a few reminders about our scholarship application process that will ensure their applications receive full consideration. We want to encourage your students to apply for scholarships at SPC.

- **The scholarship application deadline has been changed to FEBRUARY 1, 2017.**
- **SPC maintains an online scholarship application process in partnership with AcademicWorks.** Students will find it easier to complete the application, upload documents and letters of recommendation and see what scholarship opportunities they are eligible for. The new cycle for scholarship applications will open October 17, 2016.
- **Students must make application to South Plains College through ApplyTexas prior to applying for SPC scholarships.** The new online scholarship portal will require students to sign in using their MySPC username and password in order to access the application and submit their application materials. Students will need to apply for admission prior to January 15, 2017 in order to allow processing time to receive notification of admission and SPC credentials necessary to access the scholarship portal and submit an application by the February 1 deadline.
- **The student's current official transcript must be included with the application.** The transcript must contain a listing of all high school courses and grades earned through the fall semester of the senior year. It should also include current spring courses being taken, estimated class rank, class total and cumulative grade average (GPA reported on a 4.0 scale is preferred). Students will be directed to upload a copy of their transcript into the scholarship application system. A pdf version of the transcript is preferred.
- **While not required for scholarship application or admissions to SPC, students are encouraged to submit ACT or SAT scores as part of the scholarship application.** Students who submit ACT or SAT scores will receive additional points in the evaluation process that can lead to a higher ranking of the applicant for scholarship consideration. A score report must be uploaded for verification.
- **Students are encouraged to indicate a major area of study** on the ApplyTexas application so that they may be considered for departmental or program scholarships.

Complete information about South Plains College's scholarship program, including access to the application sign-on page, can be found on the SPC website at www.southplainscollege.edu/scholarships.

We appreciate the work you do to help your seniors prepare for college. Should your students have questions or need assistance, please contact the Scholarship Office at (806) 716-2219 or email sslape@southplainscollege.edu.

Sincerely,

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