

The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria & Due Dates

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The Sacramento Philatelic Society (SPS) has established a scholarship program at the behest of a special benefactor, Mr. Charles Poetzl, a long time dealer member of the SPS. The purpose of this scholarship is assist young philatelists within the SPS family in their quest for a post secondary education. This scholarship is called

The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship.

1. The Scholarship Amount. *The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship* will be awarded once a year in the month of March. The amount of this annual scholarship is **\$1,000.00**. This scholarship will be available for nominations and award as long as there is adequate funding in the Scholarship Fund. Initially only one scholarship a year may be awarded. No Scholarship needs to be given out if the SPS Scholarship Board so decides.

2. Scholarship Eligibility. The eligibility requirements for nomination for *The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship* are as follows:

-The nominee must be a stamp collector with an avid interest in stamps and philately.

-The nominee must be a member of the Sacramento Philatelic Society in good standing or a natural or legally adopted child of an SPS member in good standing.

-The nominee must be at least 17 years old but not older than 25 years old at the time of the nomination.

-The nominee must be accepted for enrollment in a 2 or 4 year post secondary educational institution/school or actually enrolled in such an educational institution or school. The acceptable types of academic and educational institutions or schools envisioned by this scholarship are national and state, public and private colleges and universities offering programs leading to Associate, Bachelor and post graduate degrees. It also includes educational schools such as junior colleges and trade schools with 2-year programs leading to an associate degree, technical license, charter or certificate of professional competency. The SPS Scholarship Board will be the sole decider of whether or not the educational activity meets the intent of this scholarship.

-The applicant must identify the school, college, university or education program for which this scholarship is intended. The applicant will also include a statement as to the objectives and goals of the educational program for which this scholarship will be used.

-The applicant will provide a short statement on the application as to his or her own personal educational goals and desired career choices.

-The applicant will provide a single page essay describing the extent of his or her involvement in stamp collecting. The applicant should describe areas of personal philatelic interest and specialization.

3. Repeat Scholarship Awards. Awarding of a repeat scholarship is permissible at the discretion of the SPS Scholarship Board. The nominee must file a new Scholarship Application each year to be considered along with any other nominees that the scholarship board may receive. Applicants for a repeat scholarship award must include a copy of their current academic transcript as proof of satisfactory progress in their educational endeavor. Applicants for a repeat scholarship award must meet all the other eligibility requirements of *The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship*.

4. Scholarship Application. Applicants interested in being considered for *The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship* must file an SPS Scholarship Application. The SPS Scholarship Application can be obtained from any SPS officer or member of the Board of Directors. A copy of the Scholarship Program, criteria and application can also be found on the SPS web site. The application must be in the possession of the SPS Scholarship Board no later than 5 January for year in which the scholarship is to be awarded. The application must be accompanied by **proof** that the applicant meets **all** the scholarship requirements.

5. Critical Dates: All dates are for the year in which the Scholarship is to be awarded.

Final Application Date: 5 January

Evaluation of Applications by Scholarship Board: 5 -31 January

Final Due-Diligence Review by Scholarship Board: 1-7 February

Selection of Scholarship Winner: February BOD meeting

Winner notification and acceptance: 3rd & 4th Weeks of February

Announcement of Scholarship Winner: First club meeting in March

Presentation of Scholarship Award: First club meeting in April or other appropriate date as determined by the SPS BOD