

AWARD:

As of 2023, Sokol Farrell has increased the award to \$2,500; allocated in the following manner: \$1,000 in the first year and then, annual installments of \$500 over the next 3 years, providing membership in Sokol Farrell and a grade point average of 2.0 (4.0 system) or above are maintained. All current recipients will receive a \$1,000 award in 2023 only.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligibility for the "Steve Banjak Memorial Scholarship" is as follows:

Should any one or more of the following requirements not be met, the application shall be considered incomplete and therefore will be disqualified.

1. A member in good standing of Sokol, USA in Farrell, PA for a minimum of three years.
2. High School diploma or equivalent.
3. Acceptance to an accredited school of higher education with degree programs. *A copy of a letter of acceptance to the school to which you plan to attend must accompany this application OR if you are already attending, an official transcript must accompany this application.*
4. Two letters of reference from non-related persons (at least one from a former teacher) attesting to the character and ability of the applicant. *The letters must accompany this application.*
5. Evidence of "service" either to Sokol or the community at large. *A letter from an official or person supervising your activity must accompany this application*
6. An essay of one page written in your own hand, describing an activity or event in your life in which you strove to accomplish a task as close to perfection as possible. ***Please use the attached sheet to write your essay.***
7. Include a current wallet size Senior or a passport type photo with your application.
8. A fully completed application may be delivered personally or U.S. Postal delivery to Sister Dorothy Slezak, Committee Chairperson; 6850 Seneca Road; Sharpsville, PA 16150; Phone: (724) 646 2844

DEADLINES:

First year applicants: received no later than May 01 of each year.

Renewal applicants: received no later than June 01 of each year.

Renewal applicants need only to complete the first page of this application, excluding references, and send it prior to the deadline with a copy of your most current grades, including your grade point average, from the school currently being attended.

Announcement: All scholarships will be awarded at the annual meeting of Sokol Farrell, usually held the first Sunday in June in the Sokol meeting room at the Slovak Home in Farrell. **FIRST YEAR RECIPIENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.** All other recipients are also encouraged to attend this meeting.

RELEASE: By submitting this application, you hereby grant Sokol Farrell permission to use your likeness in a photograph in any and all publications, including Sokol Farrell web site and Facebook entries. You hereby authorize Sokol Farrell to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing Sokol Farrell's programs or for any other lawful purpose. You understand and agree that these materials will become the property of Sokol Farrell and will not be returned.

ADDITIONAL SOKOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU ARE ELIGIBLE:

As a member of Sokol in good standing, you are eligible and encouraged to also apply for the:

1. "Milan Getting Scholarship" which is granted by the National Office of Sokol USA; 408 Main Street; P.O. Box 677; Boonton, NJ 07005-0677. Phone: 973-676-0281; e-mail at: SOKOLUSAHQ@aol.com; website: http://www.sokolusa.org/index_ns.html

2. Various Scholarships granted by GBU Financial Life, the parent company of Sokol USA, which is located in Pittsburgh, PA. Toll Free: 1-800-765-4428; Website: <http://www.gbu.org/>

PLEASE CHECK THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE FOR DEADLINES AS THEY MAY BE DIFFERENT THAN THE SOKOL FARRELL DEADLINE;

Previous Recipients of the Steve Banjak Memorial Scholarship are:

Until 2011 the Award was competitive and only one member was awarded.

2006 Oleksandra Banjak
2008 Katie Shebeck
2010 Robin Platte

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2009 Lucia Murcko
2011 Bibiana Murcko

Beginning with 2012, all eligible applicants were awarded. (Members are listed only in the first year they received the award.)

2012 Bibiana Murcko
Robin Platte

2013 Daniel Konopski

2014 Sarah Goda

2015 Daniel Konopski

2016 Kaitlyn Slezak
Eric Konopski

2017 Ava Glover
Roberta Pegg
Genevieve Schupp
Erin Slezak
Jenna Slezak

2018 Kaitlyn Schupp
Drew Slezak

2019 Avery Slezak
Jacob Konopski

2020 Adrienne Schupp
Carley Slezak

2021 Alexej Banjak

2022 Rachael Bender
Ellie Slezak
Maya Slezak

2023 Jordan Lewis
Nathan Schupp
Natasha Slezak

SOKOL MOTTO: Break through, Jump over ... But never crawl under!

