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Summer Conference Savannah Ga July 18-21, 2021



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Please direct any questions or suggestions you may have regarding your association to the representative of your state.

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Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars

July 18-21, 2021

Summer Training Conference

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February 18-21, 2022

Mid-Winter Meeting

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Covington, Kentucky

(859) 261-2900

July 15-21, 2022

Summer Conference

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Presidents Message



Greetings my dear friends from the Great State of Georgia!

We had a great Mid-Winter Virtual Training Conference in February. I was very thankful that we were able to do something even if it had to be virtual. We were able to handle the business of our association and get some much-needed training accomplished. While it is not the same as being in person, it was the first step in regaining our momentum to getting back to some sense of normalcy and refocusing on our profession.

Wow, 2020 was a very challenging year for everyone. But we made it through. It was tough, but we made it. For that, I am so thankful. Now, as we have begun moving through 2021, it is time to regain our momentum as individuals, as law enforcement agencies, and as a professional association. As we move out of spring and into summer, we are fast finalizing the final details for our in person and virtual summer conference in beautiful Savannah, Ga! As many of you know, we will be moving upriver Street a short distance to the Hyatt. For those of you that have been around, this was the site of our 2014 SSCA conferences. This is a beautiful property with lots of comfortable meeting space. It is conveniently located on River Street and is also one block from the City Market area of downtown Savannah.

I honestly cannot say this enough, it is my hope now as it has been in the past that we come together with a renewed sense of energy and determination to become a stronger association. Let's use this renewed energy to push ourselves to be a better, more impactful organization. Spread the word about SSCA and what we can do to make a positive difference, not only in our field, but also in the lives of those that we come in contact with every day. You just never know how much a warm smile and a positive comment will mean to someone. Invite someone new to join and become a part of this great family of corrections professionals.

We are truly a family of professionals that seeks to serve. Let us continue to focus on serving and supporting our fellow law enforcement and correctional staff. These are some tough times that we are facing, and we can only get through it and grow by supporting each other. Lift each other up every day so that our focus can be not only on public safety, but also self-care and the care of our families.

Just like last year, our host team is getting more excited and busier preparing for our upcoming summer conference in July. We have a lot of great training planned. I know that our turnout will be smaller, but I am confident that our impact on each other will be as great it has been in the past. We have some great vendors that are eager to get back out and support the work that we do. It will be good to see everyone again.

Be sure to spend time with family, tell them how much you love them and how much they mean to you. I pray for blessing and for safety for each and every one of you! We can't wait to see you this summer in Savannah!

Tom

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
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Program Topics

Drug Trends in the Offender Population

Presenter: Antonio M. Johnson

Drug use in the offender population is well documented. This presentation will focus on current drug use trends, to include Marijuana, Spice, and Methamphetamine with the goal of explaining how offenders are attempting to escape their reality. Participants will describe three ways substance use interferes with the brain reward pathway; differentiate between marijuana, spice, and methamphetamine, by their DSM-V substance class; identify three intoxication and withdrawal symptoms associated with each substance type; and identify the three types of adverse effects associated with short-and long-term substance use.

Increasing Your GED® Pass Rate and Your Learners' Scores!

Presenters: Christina Miller and Deanna Crosson

We have the answer!! Data from GED® testing gives us insight into what skills we need to focus on that will impact your learners' test performance. Join us for a close look at the High Impact Indicators compiled by GED® Testing Service® that highlight foundational skills and specific critical thinking skills. These High Impact Indicators focus on each subject on the GED® Test and have been included in our newest Paxen Steck-Vaughn GED series

GED Testing in Corrections

Presenter: Brian Smith

This session will review some successful classroom modification, tools and resources for educators, but will focus on pre-test and post-test delivery consideration.

Golfing Outing



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Sunday, July 18, 2021

Crosswinds Golf Club

232 James B. Blackburn Dr.

Savannah, Ga

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Agenda

Friday, July 16, 2021

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Host Committee Meeting
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration
6:00 PM	Dinner and Explore Savannah

Saturday, July 17, 2021

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	David A. Williams Committee
8:30 AM	Line Staff Awards Committee
9:00 AM	Finance Committee
9:00 AM	Program Committee
9:30 AM	Catastrophic Weather Fund
9:30 AM	P.C. Shields Award Committee
10:00 AM	Board Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Executive Officer's Meeting
2:00 PM	Host Committee
2:00 PM	Concourse Committee
2:30 PM	Research and Grant Committee
2:30 PM	Membership Committee
3:00 PM	Resolution Committee
3:00 PM	Kenneth Law Scholarship Committee

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Rising From the Shadow**

Saturday, July 17, 2021 (Continued)

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration
4:00 PM	Vendor Committee
4:00 PM	Nominating Committee
4:30 PM	State Representatives Meet
4:30 PM	Constitution and By-Laws
5:00 PM	Networking / Meet and Greet
5:00 PM	Dinner and Explore Savannah

Sunday, July 18, 2021

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Golf Excursion
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Registration
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Silent Auction Opens
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Opening Ceremony
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	President's Reception
8:30 PM - 11:30 PM	Networking / Meet and Greet

Monday, July 19.,2021

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Session 1
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Silent Auction Opens
9:40 AM - 10:40 AM	Session 2
10:40 AM - 11:10 AM	Mid-Morning Break
11:10 AM - 12:10 PM	Session 3
12:10 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch

Monday, July 19, 2021 (continued)

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Silent Auction Opens	Scarborough 1
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Session 4	Scarborough 2, 3, & 4
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Warden/Director Exhibit Tour	Regency Ballroom/Vendor Area
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Georgia Night	Harborside Ballroom
9:00 PM	Networking / Meet and Greet	

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Moss & Oak – Lobby Restaurant
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration	Lobby 2 nd Floor
8:00 AM	Silent Auction Opens	Scarborough 1
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Session 5	Scarborough 2 / 4
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Past Presidents' Breakfast	The Plimsoll Room
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Silent Auction Opens	
9:40 AM – 10:40 AM	Keynote Speaker	Scarborough 3
11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	Session 6	Scarborough 2 / 4
12:10 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch	Scarborough 3 & 4
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Silent Auction Opens	Scarborough 1
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Session 7	Scarborough 2, 3 & 4
3:30 PM	Silent Auction Ends	Scarborough 1
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Kentucky Night	Scarborough 4 & 5
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Awards Night / Dinner	Regency Ballroom
9:00 PM	Networking / Meet and Greet	

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Business Meeting	Scarborough 2 & 3
11:30 AM	Conference Ends – SAFE TRAVELS HOME	

Program Topics Continued

Handy Job Resources for Reentry

Presenter: Dr. John Morgan

How does one transition from giving charity handouts to seeking/finding job resources for homeless and reentry candidates? Might shifting from 'giving fish' to 'teaching them to fish' alter recidivism rates?

Effective Communication Strategies with Deaf Offenders Using American Sign Language

Presenter: Paul Singleton

Video Relay Services are rapidly replacing TTY's for Deaf Offenders who use American Sign Language. Paul Singleton, with Purple Communications will present on effective communication strategies prisons and jails can use with Deaf Offenders. Effective communication strategies will reduce risk of lawsuits for inaccessible prisons and jails

News and Updates for TABE

Presenters: Mike Johnson and Rachel Price

In this presentation, we will review the news and updates for TABE 11/12 including the new TABE writing test, score report updates, and new TABE offline capabilities. We will also discuss updates moving forward with the TABE family of assessments, including TABE CLAS-E for adult ESL and remote testing options. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion from attendees

Program Topics Continued

Georgia Department of Corrections Fire Services: Saving Lives Twice

Presenter: Shawn Womble

This workshop introduces the attendees to a unique program offered by the Ga. Dept. Of Corrections. Learn how this program saves lives twice by training Inmates to serve as firefighters which introduces them to a career that most have never been exposed to and it also gives them the skills/knowledge to save citizens lives. We will also inform you of some of our "Success Stories" Where former inmates have completed our program and their sentence, returned to society and began a career in the Fire Service. This workshop will also explain how this program helped our prisons become welcomed neighbors by providing an Inmate Fire Dept. that responds/assists their local fire depts. and helps save the taxpayer money by lowering the ISO rating for the home/business owner.

Interactive & Engaging Instructional Content to Support Education Programs

Presenter: Dave Wilkerson

Correctional education programs have unique and complicated challenges when it comes to meaningful and engaging instruction for their students. Teaching should drive educational technology integration and not the other way around. The key is simple, flexible tools that empower teachers to lead, inspire, and enhance learning. During this presentation, educational leaders will have the opportunity to see a full demonstration of the Boardworks interactive teaching library of supplemental resources. Boardworks is a library of over 25k+ slides of interactive, virtual, engaging, and supplemental Math, Science, ELA, and History content that works with teacher/student devices, is non-subscription, all designed to drive meaningful instruction to support instructors in various education programs.

Program Topics Continued

Finally, a Learning Management System with Distance Learning integration built for use in corrections education. Created for use during COVID but works so well it is here to stay!

Presenters: Clay Mixon, Devia Broome and Ann Harris

What happens when instructors aren't allowed into prisons and students aren't allowed in the classroom? You use the ATLO Learning Management System coupled with LearnMax from Teknimedia and continue teaching. Students can now experience secure live streaming classes inside the prison. Instructors are no longer bound to their classroom and can teach from the safety of their own homes or office. Classes can be streamed to hundreds of students simultaneously.

Our presentation will walk you through the discovery process, creating the solution, implementation and the realization that the technology is a game changer! We'll talk about some of the unintended outcomes of the solution (e.g., increased student engagement, fewer disciplinary infractions, higher grades) and the ability to use the ATLO/Teknimedia solution for in-reach programs

The Other PD: Personal Development

Presenter: Michelle Ford

This session will guide participants in steps toward personal development and self-improvement. We will discuss the importance of knowing who we are outside of a job or career, looking for what makes us feel relevant and worth getting to know. Let's begin our search for joy, the inner part of our being that suggests our outward appearance and happiness

Program Topics Continued

Ga. Department of Corrections Special Operations

Presenter: Antonnio Printup

In this presentation, we will talk about GDC Special Operations CERT, Tactical, and Interdiction Response. We will also talk about some of the munitions and equipment that we use to help deter contraband and riot control.

Buying Books for Correctional Libraries

Presenter: Shane Gottwals

Gottwals books provides bulk buying option with special pricing for correctional facilities. Learn how to quickly and easily order books for your facility.

Reading and Writing Strategies that turn Pre-HSE Students into GED-Ready Students

Presenter: Karen Welch

Reading is a skill that involves processing information effectively and using it in various contexts and forms. In order to become proficient readers, students need to become familiar with and practice specific reading skills in preparation for the GED Test. This session will provide strategies and tools that best facility literacy instruction and increase students' reading abilities

Green Training as a Catalyst for Reducing Recidivism

Presenter: Jessica Lewis

We will discuss how green construction training can help teach our previously incarcerated individuals new skills and strengthen their previous skills in a way that helps our communities trend upwards.

Program Topics Continued

Diane Canada

Professional Speaker, Author, and Entrepreneurial Expert, having taught countless business owners how to launch and streamline their businesses. She has owned her own consulting firms, built an international television show, and built a company devoted to enhancing the effectiveness of women in leadership. She is co-founder of the Tennessee Entrepreneur Initiative, a statewide effort to reduce the failure rate of small business owners. She is the author of the new book, *Lady Up + Don't Quit!: Learn to Look Any Leadership Challenge in the Eye and Give It a Little Wink*.

Innovative Uses of Data and Technology in Georgia

Presenters: Sharon Johnson , Larry Dale

ARS worked with GDC to develop an employer website that connects inmates to employers before release, giving employers the ability to select and inquire on qualified inmates before release, amplifying agency efforts to foster employer relationships across the state.

Reaching and Serving Crime Victims who have a History of Incarceration

Presenters: Nicole Babb, Suzanne Dow, Jennifer Thomas

This session is a collaborative presentation with the Criminal Justice Coordination Council (CJCC), Georgia Department of Corrections, and Circle of Hope that reviews the needs and barriers experienced by survivors who are incarcerated as they prepare for reentry.

**Looking forward to seeing y'all in 2022
Covington, Kentucky**

SSCA Committee Assignments

FROM SSCA BY- LAWS SECTION XIV: COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and/or By-Laws, committees and their chairperson, standing or special (ad hoc), shall be appointed by the President as deemed necessary to carry on the business/work of the Association. All committees shall be made up of regular members in good standing. The actions of all committees are subject to review and approval by the Executive Board. The Chairperson & members of each committee shall serve until their successors are appointed; however, may be replaced at anytime by the President.

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Lotoya Chambers-Lewis - VA
Renee Watkins -OK

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Andrew Rue - AR
Larry Cyr - AR
Sharon Houston- TN
Sarah Herrick - TN
Tonya Ashley - GA
Renatta Dunn - GA
Shanta Porter - GA
Sandra Thomas - GA
Jarvis Livingston - KY
Randy Callas-AR
Karen Stapleton - VA
Michelle Ford - VA
Bill Stapleton - VA
Kathy Jones - MS
Robert Pierce - AR
Heather Schmidt - AR
Chastity Hull - AR

Ginette Gelardi-VA

Susan Cagle-TN

Christa Glover -AR

PC Shields Award

Roy Agee -AR Co-Chair

Neil Jones-MS Co-Chair

Stuart Holt-GA

Lois Fagan-VA

Carol Gilcrease -LA

Ray Weatherford -AR

Elliot Berrios-LA

Pete Fremin -LA

Gabriel Budke -TN

Time and Place

Karen Stapleton -VA Chair

George Dodkin-SC

Jane Lovell-TN

Tiffanye Compton-AR

Melissa Young -LA

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Ruth Staples-KY

Dawn Kriigel -VA

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Toni Bradley - AR

Carrie Williams - AR

Jessica Leija - AR

Linda Hill - AR

Stacy Lenderman - AR

Tony Simon - LA

Darlene Bell - GA

Dawn Mock - GA

Chris Wynn - GA

Paul Greico - GA

Shawn Sikes - GA

Vince Pendergrass - TN

Dawn Kriigel - VA

Sonia Wallace - AR

Ruth Staples - KY

Lois Fagan -VA

Shaun Conrad -AR

Sherry Conrad -AR

Amanda McKearin -VA

SSCA Catastrophic Weather Fund

A silent auction is held at every July SSCA conference to support the Catastrophic Weather Fund, please bring any items you wish to donate to the auction with you to the summer conference, or contact Cookie Crews, Executive Secretary, for shipping information. Also, be reminded that the fund is in place to provide needed assistance to SSCA members who have maintained their SSCA Membership for a minimum of one (1) year, and have sustained a recent loss due to a catastrophic weather event.

A catastrophic weather event is defined as a hurricane, tornado or flood that has been labeled as such by the National Weather Service. Once a catastrophic event has been declared by the National Weather Service, members of SSCA may apply, in writing, to their State Representative for assistance. The State Representative will then forward the request, with an attached explanation of the nature and circumstances of the loss, to the Chairperson of the Catastrophic Weather Fund Committee. The committee will consider requests on a "first come first served basis," until the fund is depleted. The State Representatives' names and contact information are found in the Concourse, or on our website at www.sscaweb.org.

State Representative

The Following States Have Representatives with Terms Expiring or Have Expired in 2021:

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Each member state shall select one of its regular members to serve as State Representative on the Executive Board. The term of the elected State Representative shall be three years. Candidate applications shall be received by the Nominating Committee, screened for eligibility by established criteria, and provided for vote to be selected by a caucus of the appropriate state's regular members. A regular member is any person employed in or honorably retired from any area of the criminal justice system within the borders of the member's state. Only regular members are eligible to vote, hold office in, or be a representative of the Association.

To be eligible for State representative you must have:

At least two (2) years of continuous active regular membership in SSCA

Time available to devote to the Association's business

A willingness to work towards the expansion of SSCA

Demonstrated knowledge of and working involvement in the Association; i.e. serving on committees, participating in the program, pursuing additional members, developing articles for the Southern Concourse.

To apply for State Representative you must submit the following to the chairman of the SSCA

Nominating Committee:

A cover letter indicating your intent to be considered, an affirmation/explanation that you meet the eligibility criteria, and why you are seeking the post;

A current resume/Vita;

Letters (one each) of support from your agency/department administrator and your immediate supervisor.

Call For Candidates

SSCA Secretary

Each year an individual is selected to serve as Secretary for SSCA. The Secretary is a member of the Executive Board and is responsible for recording the minutes of the Association and Board meetings. The Secretary must be able to attend all meetings and have the commitment required to perform the duties and responsibility of their position.

Persons interested in applying for these positions should send the required information to Kevin Murphy: kevin.murphy@arkansas.gov.

Visit www.sscaweb.org and click on "Constitution/By Laws/SOP" to read more about SSCA Executive Board positions and duties.

**SOUTHERN STATES CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION
LINE STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The purpose of the SSCA Line Staff Award is to recognize four individuals from within the membership who exemplify career professionalism. Through this award SSCA clearly appreciates and recognizes the important role these staff play in the success of the correctional process and the service these individuals provide.

Completed form must be sent to your state representative and must be
received by April 1, 2021

NOMINEE _____

Print name as it should appear on the award

Award Category	Probation/Parole ____	Correctional Officer ____	Corrections Support ____
(Check only one)	Officer ____	Juvenile Residential ____	Service Person ____
	Youth Worker ____	Worker ____	Humanitarian ____
Job title:	_____		Telephone # _____
Work Address:	_____		

Nominator's Name	_____		Telephone # _____
	Please Print		
Nominator's Signature	_____		Date _____

Please limit your typewritten comments to two pages. Comments must include: Why should this individual be selected? Comments should address professionalism, job knowledge, performance, personal characteristics, leadership, innovation/creativity and accomplishments.

Criteria:

Candidate:

1. Must be employed on a full-time paid basis as a non-supervisory Probation/Parole Officer, Correctional Officer or Corrections Support Service Person (or an equivalent job function). The exception is any full-time employee is eligible for the Humanitarian of the Year. Part-time, consultants, and interns are excluded from consideration, as are self-nominations. Nominee will be considered in one category only.
2. Employing agency may be Federal, State, County, City or Private Sector entity.
3. Candidate must be employed in one of the 14 SSCA member states.
4. Membership in SSCA is not a prerequisite for consideration.

Nominator:

1. Nominator must be a current Southern States Correctional Association Member.
2. Must submit a completed and signed nomination form to the Nominee's State Representative.
3. Form must be received by the appropriate State Representative prior to **April 1, 2021**

SOUTHERN STATES CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION

P.C. SHIELDS MEMBER RECOGNITION

CALL FOR NOMINEES

The P.C. Shields Member Recognition Award was named in honor of SSCA's oldest and most loyal member. The award was established to recognize annually, at the summer training conference, a member who has made significant contributions to the Southern States Correctional Association, furthering its professional purpose, philosophy and recognition as a professional association.

A committee receives nominations and selects the recipient. Any member in good standing may submit a nomination. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 2021. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

The Award recipient will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet in July. In addition, the recipient will receive transportation to the conference, conference registration, hotel room for three nights, and any meals during the conference not covered by the conference registration.

The nomination letter should include the nominee's name, state, and reasons for nominating the individual. Please be as specific as possible with your comments, which should address the contributions your nominee has made to SSCA. Our Association has many members who are worthy of this recognition. Please take the time to nominate a deserving member.

Criteria:

1. Nominee must have been an active member in good standing for a minimum of five years.
2. Nominee must not be on the current Executive Board.
3. Nominee must not be a past-president.
4. Nominee must not be a past recipient of the David H. Williams Award.

NOMINEE _____ **State** _____

Please print name as it should appear on the Award

The above member should receive the P.C. Shield Membership Recognition Award for the reasons stated on the attached sheet.

Nominator's Name _____ **Telephone #** _____

Work Address

Nominator's Signature _____

Date _____

Applications should be sent to: Stuart Holt @ stuarthlt0@gmail.com

Application must be received by January 1, 2021

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Kenneth Law Scholarship

PURPOSE:

The SSCA is a 14-state regional organization of correctional practitioners representing the operational and administrative areas of jails, probation, prisons, and parole. It is the intent of this scholarship award to financially assist individuals preparing to or already participating in an accredited college or university program of study.

PROCESS:

Each year individual(s) will be selected to receive the SSCA Scholarship Award. The process begins at the state level with applicants submitting application packages (form and attachments) to their respective SSCA State Representative no later than **April 1, 2021**. These applications will be screened by a State-level screening committee and one primary and one alternate application will be forwarded to the SSCA Scholarship Award Committee for consideration. The Award Committee will select recipients and award scholarships in an amount and number to be determined by the Executive Board. Applicants will receive written notification of their selection or rejection. Awards will be announced at the annual training conference in **July 2021**.

AMOUNT: The Association will designate a maximum of \$5,000 per year for the scholarship program. Additional contributions may increase the amount of funds available each year. The Executive Board will determine the amount and number of scholarships to be awarded each year to individuals who are Regular members of SSCA, their spouse or dependent children and are pursuing either part-time or full-time formal education at the college or graduate school level. The funds will be deposited with an accredited college or university to apply toward the student's tuition and related academic expenses.

ELIGIBILITY:

- (1) Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen
- (2) Applicant must be an active regular or lifetime SSCA member or a spouse or dependent child of a member.
- (3) Applicant must be pursuing a bachelor or graduate degree in a program of study applicable to the field of criminal justice, rehabilitation, social services or a related field.
- (4) Applicant must be entering his/her freshman, sophomore, junior, senior year or graduate school. Freshman or first year graduate students must be officially accepted in the college or university.
- (5) Applicant must complete the application form, provide all required attachments, and submit the entire package to their State Representative prior to **April 1, 2016**. The scholarship will be awarded for the next fall term. Incomplete application packages will not be accepted for consideration.

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION:

- (1) Beginning freshman will submit two (2) letters from high school instructors under whom the student has studied, stating why they support the applicant's receipt of the scholarship award.
- (2) Sophomores, juniors, seniors, and entering graduate students must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from professors under whom the applicant has studied, stating why they support the applicant's receipt of the scholarship award.
- (3) Beginning freshman must submit a certified transcript of their high school grades to date.
- (4) Sophomores, juniors, seniors, and entering graduate students must submit a certified transcript of their college courses and grades to date.
- (5) Graduate students already matriculating in a graduate program must submit a certified transcript of graduate courses and grades to date.
- (6) Beginning freshman and entering graduate students must submit a copy of their official letter accepting them into the college/university.
- (7) On a separate sheet(s) of paper provide a written narrative supporting/justifying his/her need for this scholarship.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Recipient will only be eligible to receive this scholarship one time.
 - (2) Scholarship recipients must forward to the appropriate State Representative a copy of their transcript for the time period the recipient has received the award.
 - (3) Failure to satisfactorily complete the semester may result in the recipient being required to repay SSCA the full amount awarded. Satisfactory completion means an overall grade point average of "C" or 2.0 on 4.0 scale for each semester a scholarship was received.
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SSCA Kenneth Law - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(print or type)

Name _____ Social Security No. _____
Last First MI

Address _____ Telephone () _____
Street

City State Zip

College/University Name _____

Mailing Address _____
City State Zip

Major _____ Minor _____

Current Class:

Class Status for Fall Term

High School Senior _____	Junior _____	College Freshman _____	Senior _____
College Freshman _____	Senior _____	Sophomore _____	Graduate _____
Sophomore _____	Graduate _____	Junior _____	

U.S. Citizen Yes _____ No

All information submitted is true and accurate. Further, I authorize the SSCA Executive Board/Scholarship Selection Committee to verify the information contained in this application package.

Date Signature

All application packages or questions should be directed to your state's SSCA Representative.

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Crestwood, KY 40014

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions Committee needs your assistance in recognizing deserving members and SSCA supporters. Each committee member has been assigned a SSCA state representative to work with to complete the SSCA information form needed to prepare the Resolutions.

Please e-mail your recommendation(s) to the Resolutions Committee Chairperson

Brandy Aston

Brandy.Aston@Ky.Gov

or to any committee member.

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