

The Coral Springs/Parkland Democratic Club is pleased to announce the 2020 Education Scholarship Program to provide financial assistance to those students who are actively participating in the political process and civic community activities.

**Scholarship Availability:** The Coral Springs/Parkland Democratic Club will annually sponsor one (1) individual \$500 scholarship. (Membership in the Club is not required but encouraged).

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must:

- Be a 2020 graduating senior in a Broward County high school, and a permanent resident of Coral Springs or Parkland.
- You must be a registered Democrat.
- Be pursuing a major in public administration, political science, or a government related field at any accredited college, technical school or university in the United States
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted grade point average of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale), verified by a school transcript.

### **Selection Criteria**

Preferential consideration will be given to students who demonstrate:

- Dedicated pursuit towards a career in public administration, political science, or a government related field
- Involvement in work, volunteer service, or internships in public, government, community, and/or legislative environments
- Applicant must provide completed application including:
- One (1) essay and one (1) personal statement (as outlined on Scholarship Application form)

- Two (2) written letters of recommendation from a high school staff member, i.e., counselor, teacher, coach, or administrator, or from a member of the community who is familiar with the applicant's character.
- A transcript must be submitted with application or prior to application deadline
- Applicant MUST be available on the date of the interview to be considered for the scholarship.

### **Scholarship Award Selection Process**

The Scholarship Committee is comprised of local elected officials along with local business leaders. The Committee reviews all submitted (complete) applications. Semi-finalists selected after the first qualifying round will be contacted by email to arrange for a personal interview by the Committee. Upon completion of the interviews, the Committee makes the final selection. The selection and awarding of scholarships is entirely at the discretion of the Committee, and their decision is final.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Complete applications must be submitted by email to [CSPKDems@gmail.com](mailto:CSPKDems@gmail.com) by 5:00 PM April 10, 2020.

Incomplete applications will not be forwarded for consideration

#### **Part 1: General Information**

Applicant's Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

(City)

(Zip)

Phone Number:

E-mail address:

Grade Point Average:

(Include a transcript statement for the most recent semester ending before April 1, 2020.)

Post-secondary school you plan to attend:

By signing this document, I am certifying that this information is accurate.

Applicant's signature:

Date:

If applicant is under 18 years of age: Parent(s) or Guardian's signature:

Date:

Parent(s) or Guardian's printed name:

How did you find out about the Coral Springs/Parkland Democratic Club Educational Scholarship?

**Part 2:** In a separate document describe the following. Follow the numbering format below.

1. How have you participated in the political process?
  - A. Participating in a Young Democratic Group
  - B. Attending Democratic Party meetings
  - C. Volunteering for candidates' campaigns
  - D. Registering voters
  - E. Assisting at polling places
  - F. Handing out materials
2. Other civic and/or community activities
3. Extracurricular activities and leadership roles
4. Awards, achievements, and recognitions.
5. The purpose(s) for which you will use your scholarship award.
6. If you are 18 or older, are you registered to vote, and have you voted in any elections?

**Part 3:** In a separate document, write an essay (double-spaced and up to 500 words) on the following topic: | A strong democracy needs all its citizens to be involved in the democratic process. What do you think would motivate and engage newly registered voters and other young adults to participate in our political process?

**Part 4:** Reference Letters Attach two letters of character reference: one from a school staff member; and one from a community member. (The references cannot be from relatives.)

**Application Submission** Either electronic or hard copy submissions are acceptable.

1. **Hard Copy:** Make sure to sign your application and submit a hard copy of all parts of the application to the following address.  
CSPK Dems Scholarship  
10874 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Court, Coral Springs, FL. 33065

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

2. Electronic Copies: No later than 5:00 p.m. EST on April 10th, 2020, submit an electronic copy of this application as attachments to an email to **cspkdems@gmail.com**