

## 2016 Sy Gau Guidelines for South Dakota District

Hello fellow Sertomans,

The Mission of the Sy Gau Scholarship fund is to assist with post-secondary education. The intent is to challenge young adults to use their education for Service to Mankind. The fund encourages these students to understand that success goes beyond material wealth and status.

There will be one \$1000 scholarship available for each of the seven eligible Great Plains Districts this year. \$500 Merit Scholarships may be awarded to the next highest scoring applicants regardless of their district of origin. The number of \$500 Merit Scholarships awarded will be determined by the committee and will be based on the previous year's earnings of the Fund and/or judged application scores.

### The criteria to apply for the scholarship:

- The applicant must be a relative of a Great Plains Sertoma member in good standing. The applicant does not have to live in the Great Plains Region, nor be attending a Great Plains School. Sertoma Club members, Collegiate Sertoma club members, and Serteen Club members in good standing are also eligible.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full time student in any undergraduate program. High school seniors are also eligible to apply. Twelve (12) credit hours are considered full time.
- Applicants must use the current 2016 application form. Past years applications will not be accepted. PLEASE DESTROY ALL PAST FORMS YOU MAY HAVE.
- Applicants are reminded to complete all blanks and TYPE their answer to all four questions on a separate sheet of paper. Also note there are two required current letters of recommendation. ONE FROM EDUCATION AND ONE FROM SERVICE. FIVE COPIES OF ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED. ENSURE "SOUTH DAKOTA" IS FILLED IN ON THE SERTOMA DISTRICT LINE OF THE APPLICATION.
- Complete applications must be submitted and post marked by JANUARY 31, 2016. Return directly to International headquarters at the address on the application.

The winners will be announced through phone or e-mail in May, 2016, and also re-affirmed at the Great Plains Regional convention in October of 2016. The money will be deposited directly into the student's school account for use for the 2016 fall term.

Sincerely,

Gerri Dunn, Chairman Sy Gau Scholarship Committee

Norma Halstead, South Dakota District Representative

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