THE STETSON KINDRED OF AMERICA, INC.
2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

Scholarship Program Summary

The Scholarship Committee has scholarships available to students of any age who are enrolled full-time in a program of higher education, demonstrate academic achievement and financial need, and meet the eligibility requirements, as follows:

The Stetson Kindred of America General Scholarship. Two scholarships, **$1000 each** may be awarded in the name of the corporation to applicants selected by the SKOA Scholarship Committee.

We also sponsor one Scholarship specifically for a graduating senior of Norwell High School as follows:

The Cornet Robert and Honour Stetson Scholarship. One scholarship in the amount of **$500** is awarded each year to a graduating senior of Norwell High School, selected by the school guidance staff.

Eligibility Requirements for General Scholarships

1. Must be a **full-time** student enrolled in a degree or certificate program in higher education or training at an accredited college, post-secondary or career/vocational institution.
2. Must have completed high school. High school seniors are eligible but must provide proof of admission and intent to matriculate if they plan to enter their first year at an accredited college or vocational institution.
3. Applicants may be of any age; there is no upper age limit.
4. Repeat applications are considered if the first application does not result in a scholarship award. Repeat applicants must submit current transcripts and references. Scholarship awards are limited to one per person during a lifetime.

Application Requirements

A completed, signed and dated application must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than **June 1**. Applicants must use the proper form which can be found on the SKOA website at www.theskoa.org. If you wish to have one mailed to you, please contact Jennifer Heiss as noted at the end of these instructions. If using e-mail, please indicate "Scholarship Application Request" in the subject line.

2) **Application Attachment Checklist for Applicants**:
   1. High school transcript (for HS seniors), **OR** most recent college transcript (for matriculating students). (Student photocopy is acceptable.)
   2. Proof of admission acceptance and intent to matriculate; **OR** proof of current matriculation (most recent grade transcript is sufficient, as in #1 above).
   3. Student statement of Career Goals and Interests.
   4. Two letters of reference from sources other than family or SKOA members: (Examples: teacher, guidance counselor, sports coach, job supervisor, minister, priest or rabbi, etc.) Reference letters may be mailed or e-mailed directly to the Scholarship Chair and should be on business letterhead (if appropriate) and have a return address and current contact information.

Submission Timeline

Applications are accepted starting **March 1** of any given year, and must be received no later than **June 1**. Selected recipients will be notified by the Scholarship Committee in July, and the awards announced at the Annual Meeting of the Membership at The Homestead, Stetson Shrine Lane, Norwell, MA. Awards are presented either at the Annual Meeting if the recipient is present, or mailed to them soon after the meeting.

Submission of Application and Supporting Documentation

Applications **must be received no later than June 1** for consideration of a scholarship award in August of that year. Please list any supporting documentation that will be sent separately at the bottom of page 2 of the application. Applicants will be notified when their application is received. It is the student's responsibility to ensure their application is complete, signed and dated, and to perform appropriate follow-up to ensure all reference letters and transcripts have been received by the Scholarship Committee by the set deadlines. If you move/change your mailing/e-mail address and/or phone number, please be sure to notify us of the change so we can contact you, or your application and/or any scholarship award may be considered abandoned.

Applications with incomplete documentation will not be considered.

All applications, transcripts and references should be mailed or e-mailed to:

Thomas Woislaw
50 Jefferson Road
Franklin, MA 02038
E-mail: Thomas.woislaw@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Woislaw at Thomas.woislaw@gmail.com.

The Stetson Kindred of America, Inc.
2026 Scholarship Application
PO Box 31, Norwell, MA 02061

PERSONAL INFORMATION **Phone #: _____**
E-mail: _____

Name: _____
Home Address: _____ Zip: _____
Date and Place of Birth: _____
Marital Status: Single Married
Dependents and ages (if any): _____
Employment: F/T P/T
Employer/Occupation:_____

Have you previously received a Scholarship from SKOA? _____
(If "Yes", do not submit this Application; awards are limited to one per student.)

If Dependent Student:
Father's Name and Occupation: _____
Mother's Name and Occupation: _____
Number of dependent siblings and ages: _____
Number of dependent siblings in college: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current High School Seniors ONLY Fill Out This Section:

Name & Address of High School/Secondary School:_____
_____
Course of Study: _____ Class of _____ (year)
Most recent GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ Size of Class: _____
(Please attach copy of High School transcript; photocopy is acceptable)
College/Vocational School Applied to: _____
Have you been accepted? Yes No If no, explain: _____
(If yes, please attach copies of letter of acceptance and proof of intent to matriculate.)
Proposed Major/Profession: _____ Start Date:_____

Current College/Vocational Students ONLY Fill Out This Section:

Name & Address of College/Vocational School: _____
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Course/Major: _____ Class of _____(year)
Intended Profession: _____Most recent GPA: _____
(Please attach copy of most recent transcript; a photocopy is acceptable)

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR: (List all sources and estimated amounts) _____

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EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES: (May attach resume)

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AWARDS/HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS:

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STATEMENT OF CAREER GOALS AND INTERESTS

On a separate sheet of paper, please share your educational and career goals and interests (200 words or more). What motivated you to choose your field of study? We would also like to hear of any especially rewarding or unique experiences or circumstances in your life that led you to study in your chosen field.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE/RECOMMENDATION:

Please provide us with the name, address and phone number of two references who have agreed to provide you a letter of recommendation. References for repeat applicants must be current. Do not list family members or other members of the Stetson Kindred. All letters of recommendation must be received by the SKOA Scholarship Committee no later than June 1 unless an extension of this deadline is granted by the SKOA Scholarship Committee, which will not exceed June 15, 2026.

1. _____
2. _____

OPTIONAL: If you are a descendent of Cornet Robert Stetson, please share your line of descent with us, if known. (Descent is not considered for awarding Scholarships)

Line of Descent: _____

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Signature of Applicant Date

Documents to be Sent Separately:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____