

## **2020 SCHOLAR CHESS PLAYER AWARD QUALIFICATION**

### **Deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

If you are a *high school junior or senior* looking for scholarship money, read on!  
If you are a current US Chess member you are eligible to apply for a 2020 National Scholar Chess Player Award if you:

1. Played in *at least 25 Regular-rated US Chess or FIDE games during calendar year 2019*, games with a Time Control less than Game-30 delay-0 do not count toward the 25 game requirement.
2. Have shown *outstanding achievement in academics and chess*.
3. Completed *at least one year of chess-related community service* since you started the 9th Grade.
4. Can articulate in an essay (of 500 words or less) how your being selected as a 2020 Scholar Chess Player enables you to *further your education, improve your chess, and continue contributing to the chess community* for the next 5 years. of your life.

A total of five awards are available at \$1,500.00 each for a total of \$7,500.00 in scholarship money. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible. These scholarships, awarded annually by the U.S. Chess Trust, the National Scholastic Chess Foundation (NSCF), and US Chess, recognize and encourage outstanding high school students who promote a positive image of chess.

Applications should be submitted using the online form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/1wZDuVXRC29X6SQ72>

Documents (.doc, .pdf and other usual extensions) can be attached to the applications via this form.

Your completed application must include the following:

- Submitted application form via <https://goo.gl/forms/1wZDuVXRC29X6SQ72>
- Your uploaded high school transcripts showing all courses and grades.
- Your SAT or ACT scores.
- Evidence listed in the form or uploaded that you have played at least 25 US Chess or FIDE rated games during the 2019-20 academic year.

- A list and brief description of your best chess accomplishments.
- Examples of your chess-related community service since 9th grade or later.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher in a current or former school you have attended in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.
- A letter of recommendation from a Chess Coach or Tournament Director.
- A letter of support from someone other than a parent or guardian, bearing witness to the nature, duration and impact of your chess-related community service. We also encourage you to submit newspaper articles or web-based stories as evidence.
- Your essay uploaded in the application form of no more than 500 words describing how your being recognized as a Scholar Chess player would help you continue contributing to the greater US Chess community over the next 5 years of your life.
- OPTIONAL: A recent color photograph of yourself, either a headshot or full-length.

**Deadline** for submitting the application form is **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 11:59PM PST**.

In complete applications will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

Awards will be announced at the 2020 National High School Chess Championship in Columbus, OH on April 3-5, 2020. Recipients in attendance will be recognized in person. Participation in the tournament is not required for eligibility.

If you have any questions regarding this form, or if you need technical assistance in completing it, please contact Susan Kantor, Scholastics Associate, US Chess, at (931) 787-1234 x136, or email [skantor@uschess.org](mailto:skantor@uschess.org) and write "2020 Scholar-Chess Player Award" in the subject line.