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2023 Scholarship Rules

The following rules will govern scholarships awarded by the Organization during the 2023 local competition season.

- 1. Permissible Uses of Scholarship Funds.
 - a. Tuition for an accredited education program at the secondary school, college, university, technical, or trade school.
 - b. Student loan debt payable to a bona fide educational lender for course work completed.
 - c. Music equipment or computer equipment and software if <u>required</u> by an accredited educational program.
 - d. Books or subscriptions if required by an accredited educational program.
- 2. Time to Request Funds.
 - a. Scholarship awardees must request disbursement of their scholarship within one year of the date it was awarded (the Redemption Period). If the awardee does not make her request during the Redemption Period, she will forfeit her award.
 - b. Awardees may request to extend the Redemption Period for one additional year.
 - i. Miss candidate awardees may make this request only one time. To be clear, a Miss candidate awardee will have no more than two years to request her scholarship from the date it was awarded.
 - ii. Teen candidate awardees may make this request up to four times. To be clear, a Teen candidate awardee will have no more than five years to request her scholarship from the date it was awarded.
 - c. The awardee's extension request must be in writing to the Organization and be made before Redemption Period expires.
 - d. The Organization may not unreasonably deny an extension.
- 3. Process for Requesting Funds.
 - a. Awardees must request their scholarship award in writing or electronically using the Organization's scholarship request form and they must include the appropriate proof validating their request.
 - b. The Organization may take up to four weeks to process a standard request.
 - c. Funds will be distributed directly to the educational institution or lender.

 Payments will not be made to the awardee herself or to her parent or guardian.
- 4. Proof Required.
 - a. Tuition: To request payment for tuition, the awardee must provide a <u>current</u> (within 30 days) invoice or statement showing an outstanding amount owed.
 - b. Student Loans: To request payment for room and board, the awardee must provide (1) a current bill from the lender showing a current address, (2) a copy of the promissory note showing that the awardee is the primary or secondary payer of the obligation, and (3) a transcript showing you've completed the coursework.
- 5. Applicability & Enforceability.
 - a. These rules apply to scholarships awarded during or after the 2023 season and continue to apply until revoked or replaced.
 - b. Any former rules promulgated by the Organization continue to govern scholarships awarded under those rules.