

NEWS RELEASE:

At this year's annual conference in Baton Rouge, LA on February 24-27, 2019, one of the highlights of each annual NSPMA Conference is the announcement of the scholarship award recipients for the student graduates of this year's senior class.

This year we were once again very successful in getting 223 applications for the four (4) one thousand (\$1000.00) dollar scholarship awards to deserving students making our Scholarship and Award Committee's work extremely difficult. Our Committee consists of four (4) board members, besides myself, it is my honor to work with Ivan Smith, Sr., MS; Wayne Natzel, CT; and Vince Sodano, NJ.

Each of the 223 applicants was required to complete and submit their scholarship application by February 1, 2019. The total number of scholarship awards is based on the NSPMA Scholarship Trust Funds. Awards are based on the selection criteria of financial need, academic achievement, co-curricular participation, community service and essay response. The topic for this year's essay was: ***"How a clean, well maintained and safe school environment makes a difference in a student's education?"***

For the past three years Arkansas students have submitted the most scholarship applicants with New Jersey making a strong second place submission. So it is not surprising that at least two scholarship awards went to Victoria Cline, Benton, and Amber Burke, Hindsville, both of Arkansas. To complete the awards, one went to Avary Payne, Saluda, VA and Kevin Felter, Merriam Woods Village, MO. A special recognition goes to Kevin Felter who will be using his scholarship award for an Associate's Degree in HVAC.

On behalf of the Scholarship Awards Committee, we want to thank all of our association members and vendor partners with their assistance in making these scholarships available each year.

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