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Savannah River Section

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Dear CSRA High School Seniors and Technical College Students, Parents, Principals, Administrators, Guidance Counselors, and Science Educators:

Availability of American Nuclear Society (ANS) Savannah River Section Scholarship for the 2022-2023 Academic Year – Applications Due April 30, 2022

The American Nuclear Society Savannah River Section (ANS-SR) is once again offering one-year scholarships to qualifying current high school seniors and technical college students in the memory of its long-time member, Dr. Richard (Dick) Benjamin. The ninth year of the Benjamin Memorial Scholarship is a competitive award for academic study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. This letter contains application information for the scholarship. Please feel free to circulate the information to qualified student candidates who are interested in pursuing careers in STEM, particularly those wishing to major in one of the many fields associated with nuclear science, engineering, and technology.

For the 2022-2023 academic year, the Scholarship Committee will base its award levels on the number and quality of the applicants. As in previous years, the Benjamin Scholarship can be applied to the first year of a four-year college program or either year of a two-year technical college curriculum.

Dr. Benjamin was a nuclear physicist who contributed to the atmospheric sciences, accelerator programs, and fuel cycle and waste management technologies, and other technical areas for several decades in a distinguished career that began in 1968 at the Savannah River Laboratory (now the Savannah River National Laboratory). He mentored countless new professionals in the nuclear science and technology areas and was a strong proponent of ANS at the Aiken-Augusta area (local), national, and international levels. The Scholarship is named in his memory, is awarded by the Savannah River Section of ANS on an annual basis.

Applicants for the Benjamin Scholarship should be current high school seniors or first-year technical school students who are currently attending school in one of the counties in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA).¹ The intent of the Scholarship is that it be applied to the first-year college costs of a four-year college or university towards a STEM major, or any year of a two-year technical college program related to nuclear science and technology.

¹ The CSRA is defined as the following counties in South Carolina (Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Edgefield, and McCormick) and Georgia (Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Washington, and Wilkes).

The following application materials are required:

1. A cover letter that includes the student's name, address, evening phone number, current school, and email address and name of college or technical school to which the Benjamin Memorial Scholarship would be applied. At the end of the cover letter the student should include a one-sentence, non-school fun fact about themselves – this will allow the judges to know a little more about each applicant.
2. Provide an essay that is no more than 300 words on why a career in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and particularly those in the fields of nuclear science, engineering and technology is a goal of the student. The student should highlight what they plan to pursue in college and potential career goals.
3. Submit high school transcripts (seven semesters in the case of current seniors); plus first-semester transcripts for applicants who are current technical college students, along with their entire high school transcript; and
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from education institution or community organization individuals (e.g., teachers, coaches, service/religious organization officials, work supervisors, etc.).

Please note that the evaluation criteria are weighted as follows: (a) Cover letter (10%); (b) Essay (40%); (c) Transcripts (20%); and (d) Letters of Recommendation (two letters, each weighted 15%, or 30% total).

Applications must be received no later than April 30, 2022, and can be sent either by:

- Email: ans.savannahriver@gmail.com, and enter "Benjamin Memorial Scholarship" in the subject line and include required information as attachments;

or,

- U.S. mail:
Benjamin Memorial Scholarship, ANS Savannah River Section, P.O. Box 7001,
Aiken, SC 29804.

Include all required attachments. Recommendation letters and school transcripts may be transmitted or sent separately.

The ANS Savannah River Section Scholarship Selection Committee will inform winners in June 2022. Scholarship award payments will be made to scholarship recipients, prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Payments are intended for the scholar's educational material (e.g., books, laptop computer), tuition and fees, or living expenses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the Scholarship Committee at the ANS Savannah River address shown below.

Best regards,

2022-2023 ANS Savannah River Section Scholarship Committee
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