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A Fraternal Organization

Dear Brother and Sister Elks,

My name is Allan Templin and I am the new SC State Scholarship Chairman. I want to thank our State President Doug Jones for the confidence he has placed in my appointment to this position and to Steve and Libby Minton for their trailblazing and excellent job they have done with this program.

The 2019/2020 scholarship program has been challenging to say the least. While we had 355 applications across the state our success rate in the finals has been an extraordinary achievement. Twenty (20) boys and nineteen (19) girls moved on from State to the National semi-finals review. Because of an abbreviated timeline and an inability to establish a complete committee roster, my wife Ginny and I spent many hours reviewing and re-reviewing applications to insure a fair and accurate applicant evaluation. The thirty-nine applicants we moved to the semi-finals review were all evaluated as fairly and objectively as we could in measuring their abilities and financial needs. We honestly felt that we had some top 10 winners.

The sheer number of applicants (23,657) across the United States makes me even more proud that South Carolina had three (3) semi-finalists that finished among the top 500 finalists. It gives me even greater pleasure to announce those winners names:

<i>Lauren Chen</i>	<i>Orangeburg, SC Lodge 897</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>Four Year Award</i>
<i>Victoria Harrison</i>	<i>Seneca, SC Lodge 2822</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>Four Year Award</i>
<i>Nathan Sun</i>	<i>Greenville, SC Lodge 858</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>Four Year Award</i>

Our children are the future of this great country and it is absolutely imperative that we provide them with the best education we can. And a big part of that imperative as an Elk is providing the information to our schools and encouraging the students to participate in the MVS program. It is not enough to just drop off leaflets at the schools, we must meet with the counselors and if all possible present ourselves to the students. I am offering to go with the Lodge Scholarship Chairperson to the schools in your district to speak with counselors or at student assemblies. It is also important that the students know in their Junior year what the scholarship criteria is so that they may better prepare their application. I look forward to working with all the scholarship chairs this coming MVS season.

Fraternally yours,

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