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Peter V. Rovnianek Scholarship Fund

The following rules will determine eligibility in applying for a National Slovak Society, Peter Vitazoslav (PVR) Scholarship Grant:

1. The applicant must be a member of the National Slovak Society (NSS) for a minimum of two (2) years prior to receiving a PVR Scholarship Grant. Membership will be verified by the Home Office.
2. The minimum amount of insurance required for eligibility is \$10,000 of PERMANENT life insurance or \$5,000.00 of annuity deposits. The insurance must be in force at the time of application and be maintained throughout the scholarship period.
3. Eligible to apply are all student NSS members whose scholastic records, including College Board Examinations qualify them for acceptance by a college, university (4 years); junior college, nursing, trade, technical or business school (2 years) or other institution approved by the NSS National Assembly.
4. All applications must be accompanied by a transcript of the latest high school scholastic record of the applicant. For those already attending college, only college transcripts need to be submitted.
5. All applications must be accompanied by proof of the applicant's acceptance as a full-time student by an accredited college, university, junior college, business or trade school. Please list ONLY the school that you are going to attend, not all of the schools that you have applied and been accepted by.
6. All applications must be accompanied by a resume or biographical sketch of the applicant, not to exceed two hundred (200) words, along with a recent photograph for publication in the society's magazine.
7. All applicants must submit proof of fraternal activity. This activity may be participation in national or local activities, holding elective office in a fraternal benefit society, or similar fraternal involvement. In lieu of fraternal activity, an applicant may substitute community service or volunteer activity with a non-profit organization. (e.g. Hospitals, Red Cross, Juvenile Diabetes or similar charitable organizations.) Applicants must submit verification signed by an assembly officer or by an adult in charge of the community service or volunteer activity.
8. No application will be considered unless all requirements are met and fulfilled. Transcripts and all other forms included with the application shall be the property of the PVR Scholarship Fund and the National Slovak Society and will not be returned to the applicant.
9. In the event that a PVR Scholarship is granted, it shall be the responsibility of the student to remain in school full-time and to maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher for the remainder installments of the grant to be received.
10. The deadline for submitting applications for scholarship grants is MAY 1st of each year. Applications can be obtained from the Home Office or your local assembly. Applications and all required information is to be sent to: PVR SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT, ATT: Pam Blum, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA. 15317-3337. Further information can be obtained by calling 724-731-0094 or 1-800-488-1890.

Renewal Applicant Continuation Rules

1. Students must submit verification of continuing education enrollment from attending school by submitting a transcript of their grades indicating they have maintained a 3.0 GPA, to the NSS Scholarship Department at the conclusion of EACH school year before they will be considered eligible to receive payment for a second, third, or fourth year grant. These transcripts must be received by JULY 15TH. NO EXCEPTIONS, THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Do not rely on parents, friends, or your agent to get your information in. If your paperwork is not in the home office by the deadline you will not receive a check!
2. If you are transferring to another school, you MUST notify the NSS Home Office IN WRITING by sending in an acceptance letter to prove you will be attending a new school full time, by JULY 15TH, BEFORE checks are issued. No renewal checks will be issued after September 15th of each year for any reason.



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Joining
Hands
to
Touch
Lives

Membership NEWS!

Assembly 0434 Member Helps To Save Life



Christopher Elish, A-0434 and four other people received certificates of commendation from Canonsburg Borough Council for rescuing a Canonsburg man who nearly drowned at Town Park Pool over the summer.

Christopher Elish and other lifeguards, and poolgoers rescued 36 year old Albert Johnson after he was found in the deep end of the pool July 31st. Elish, who was off duty that day, was swimming with a friend and during the 10-minute adult swim period they spotted Johnson at the bottom of the pool. Elish and a friend pulled Johnson from the water and carried him to the side of the pool, where they used a CPR mask.

After help from an emergency nurse and a respiratory therapist, who just happened to be there with their children, they began chest compressions until the ambulance arrived. "He was unconscious and definitely wasn't breathing when we got him out of the water," said Elish, a senior at Canon-Mac.

The group worked well together to save Johnson. He has fully recovered.

Scenes from Assembly L102 Christmas Party



Congratulations to Laura Poliziani



Laura, member of Assembly 434 received the Allegheny Health Network Extra Effort Award from KDKA's sports-caster Bob Pompeani. She currently maintains a 4.6 GPA and attends Keystone Oaks High School, Pittsburgh, PA. In the Fall, she will be attending the University of Pittsburgh to study Pre-Dentistry. She is the daughter of Laura and Wayne Poliziani.

New Youth Members For Circle C123



William Jeffrey



Nicholas C. Jeffrey

Proud parents of these two handsome boys are Brian and Nichole Jeffrey. Grand parents are Pete and Judy Jeffrey who are also members of Assembly 123.

NSS Ambassadors



NSS is the destination for the Nation's future leaders. Whether you envision your future in the boardroom or the classroom, the NSS Youth Ambassadors Program will provide you with the opportunity and connections to develop into the ideal leader for tomorrow's world.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT AND SIGN UP TODAY!

The NSS Youth Ambassador Program is for youth ages 13 and up. If you join the Program not only will you prosper through peer-to-peer learning, but you can engage in fun activities and exciting opportunities while learning the skills to guide, direct, influence and motivate others.

Those interested are encouraged to visit <http://nsslife.org/fraternal-programs/nss-ambassadors/> and sign up today!

Upcoming Events & Activities

>NSS Ambassadors Short Video Contest!

We challenge you to shoot a 15 second video about what empowers, motivates, and inspires you. Fitting this into 15 seconds will be tricky but the prizes are awesome! Hurry, entry deadline is April 15th! Use the hashtag #NSSAmbassadorsShorts

>Take part in "Join Hands Day" on May 7th!

Volunteer as we give back to the community!

For more information on the video contest and *Join Hands Day* visit us at <http://nsslife.org/fraternal-programs/nss-ambassadors/>.

>Participate in our next Twitter Chat, April 23rd!

NSS Ambassadors Twitter Chat Series: Life Hacks for Leaders #LFTF (lead from the front) at 1p.m. ET.

HAPPY 16th BIRTHDAY

January 2016 Birthdays

Kathryn Rozsa
Michael Ostrowski
Christina Hebda
Daniel Cushner

Melena Patrene
Brandon Ripper
Anne Kolicius
Charles Ellis III
Malcolm Bowman

Erica Angelo
Jacob Green
Mavrick Kindred
Branson Roche

Marissa Valero
Tyler Oliver
Lauren Cushner
Bethany Kaylor

February 2016 Birthdays

Peter Keating
Jesse Nathanson
Zachary Pape
Tristen Boytar

Gina Pacak
Griffen Prinkey
Jadazyial Smith
Ethan Roundy

McKenah Bryson
Julia Bradford
Linda Moua
Peter Lee

Madeline Boda
Bailee Seaman
Ashley Robbins
Michael Randal

March 2016 Birthdays

Rachel Duke
Allison Froderman
Abigail Blycheck
Morgan Timko

Madison Codeluppi
Trenton Robison
Johnathan Rudolph
Lauren Dynda
Jordan Crutchfield

Christian Pfrogner Jr
Justin Glowacki
Marissa Oncay
Nou Yang

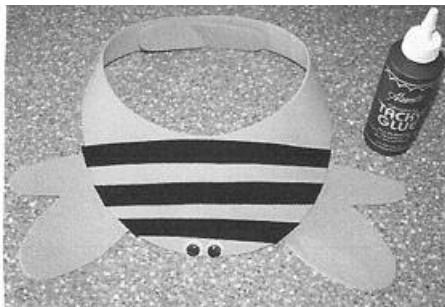
Emma Boushie
Kasey Radginski
Eric Bear
Morgan Bender

Faking' It

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MIMIC	CHEATER	PARODY	CLONE	PARROT
PHONY	COPY	POSER	DECEPTION	CONCOCTION
DERISION	RIDICULE	SATIRE	FABRICATION	PRETENDER
FACE	FIGMENT	SPOOF	FLIMFLAM	SIMULATION
TEASE	FLOUTING	FOOL	TRICK	TEMPTATION
		HOODWINK		

Bumble Bee Visor



Materials you will need:

- Plain craft foam Visor
- Craft Foam (black & gray)
- Craft Glue
- Wiggle Eyes
- Scissors

What you need to do:

Start out by gluing two wiggle eyes onto the edge of a yellow craft foam visor. Cut three strips from black craft foam. Each one should be about a half an inch thick. Glue the strips to the visor just above the eyes. Glue them far enough apart so you have fairly even black and yellow stripes for your bumble bee. Use a pair of scissors to trim off the extra black craft foam so the edges are flush with the visor.

Cut out the matching wing shapes from craft foam. Gray looks the best for the wings.

The final step in making your bumble bee visor is to glue the wings in place. Let the glue dry completely before you wear your new, fancy visor!

**Start thinking
about the
May Art Contest!**

May Art Contest

The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all members of the National Slovak Society between the ages of 5 and 16.
2. Only one entry is permitted **per member, per category**.
3. Contestants may create their artwork using:
 - a. Paint (pastels, watercolor, oil, tempera, and cesium)
 - b. Crayons (wax or liquid)
 - c. Ink/Pencil
 - d. Charcoal
 - e. Glue, construction paper, glitter
4. The Artistic and Posters categories may be ANY size up to 11x14 inches and must be mounted on a mat board or poster board for display purposes. (Paint by numbers, stencils or tracing will not be accepted)
5. The Greeting Card category must be 5 ½ x 8 ½ folded. Please protect when shipping.
6. Each year a theme will be announced. This year's Greeting Card Category is **"Happy Father's Day."** Start early so we can return your card in time for Father's Day. The Poster Category is **"What I Love about the USA."**
7. All entries must include; name, address, phone number, age, policy number, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size. This information should be clearly printed on the back of each entry.
8. Please indicate t-shirt size by the following size chart available:
 - a. Youth sizes - YS and YM
 - b. Adult sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
9. Winners in each category will have their artwork displayed in the Youth Circle Publication. A listing of the winners will appear in the National News and will be published on the NSS website. First place winners will be highlighted on the cover of the Youth Circle Publication.
10. Contest shall be judged under the following levels and ages for all 3 categories:
 - a. Picasso Level - Ages 5, 6 & 7
 - b. Rembrandt Level - Ages 8, 9 & 10
 - c. Michelangelo Level - Ages 11, 12 & 13
 - d. Van Gogh Level - Ages 14, 15 & 16*
11. Prizes awarded in each level of every category shall be as follows:
 - a. First Place \$50.00
 - b. Second Place \$25.00
 - c. Third Place \$15.00
12. All entrants will receive a NSS Life T-shirt.

BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES CAREFULLY SO YOU DO NOT LOSE POINTS IN THE JUDGING PROCESS

Deadline for entries to the Home Office is May 31st. Either mail or deliver artwork to: NSS Life, c/o Fraternal Department, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray PA 15317
Decisions of the judge(s) shall be final in all cases.

***In the event the First place winner in the Artistic Category - Van Gogh Level either enters an accredited Art School or pursues Art as a career in college, he/she will be awarded a one-time \$250.00 Art Scholarship provided that the student meets all the NSS PVR Scholarship rules and regulations.**

Summer Language Camp for Kids

WPSCA is starting to offer Slovak language classes for children starting June 4, 2016 thru July 23, 2016. Classes will be every Saturday from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Library. Children must be able to read. Instructor Bozena Hilko is asking interested parents to contact her at bozi@comcast.net. The classes will be free, but there may be a slight charge for materials.

Joke Time

- Q: What do ghosts like for dessert?
A: I scream!
- Q: What's a monster's favorite play?
A: Romeo and Ghoullet!
- Q: Where do tough chickens com from?
A: Hard boiled eggs!
- Q: What animal is best at baseball?
A: A bat.
- Q: What do witches ask for at hotels?
A: Broom service.
- Q: What happened to the cannibal who was late to dinner?
A: They gave her the cold shoulder.
- Q: What vegetables do librarians like?
A: Quiet peas.
- Q: Why did the cookie go to the doctor?
A: Because it was feeling crummy!
- Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A: A gummy bear.
- Q: What do polar bears eat for lunch?
A: Ice berg-e!
- Q: What is the left side of a pie?
A: The side that is not eaten!
- Q: Why do witches fly on brooms?
A: Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy!

Calling All Youth Leaders!

NSS is actively seeking your assistance in recruiting youth members (ages 13 & over) for the launch of our Youth Leadership Program, #NSSLead. Involvement in the program will inspire youth leaders to make a difference in their communities, foster civic engagement, and learn the skills to become a mentor.

To receive information as soon as it's available, youth members should send their email addresses to pblum@nsslife.org. We appreciate your willingness to help recruit #NSSLead participants. Don't wait, connect with us and join the #NSSLead initiative today!

2015 Annual Photo Contest Winners



Scenic: 1st Place
Carrie DeFelice
Assembly L102



Scenic: 2nd Place
Carole Ladue - Assembly L002



Scenic: 3rd Place
Laurie Fox - Assembly 731



Human Interest: 1st Place
Becky Gaither
Assembly 731



Human Interest: 2nd Place
Ashley Bernardo
Assembly 588



Human Interest: 3rd Place
Carole Ladue
Assembly L002



Animal: 1st Place
Ron Dinio
Assembly 377



Animal: 2nd Place
Ruth Burns
Assembly 731



Animal: 3rd Place
Katharine Karkosiak
Assembly 070



Activity: 1st Place
Becky Gaither - Assembly 731



Activity: 2nd Place
Joe Stefka - Assembly 588



Activity: 3rd Place
Beth Mason - Assembly 731

2015 ORNAMENT WINNERS



Anthony Cherevka - Assembly C108
Frosty Group - Ages 5-7



Ethan Knotts - Assembly C595
Rudolph Group - Ages 8-10



Adam Lazar - Assembly C075
Snowflake Group - Ages 11-13



Charles Boone - Assembly C161
Santa Group - Ages 14-16



Natalie Skrypak - Assembly 377
Adult Group - 1st Place



Maggie Semego - Assembly 108
Adult Group - 2nd Place



Eric Riepole - Assembly 434
Adult Group - 3rd Place