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## SCAC Awards Scholarships to Five High School Seniors

### SCAC's 2017 Presidential Scholarship Winner



Nicole E. Foscolos  
Bishop England High School  
CHARLESTON COUNTY

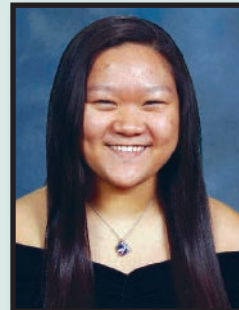
### SCAC's 2017 Board of Directors Scholarship Winners



Claire H. Manuel  
Patrick Henry Academy  
ALLENDALE COUNTY



Haley N. Sherbert  
Gaffney Senior High School  
CHEROKEE COUNTY



Emily W. Ouyang  
Wilson High School  
FLORENCE COUNTY



Chandini M. Patel  
Easley High School  
PICKENS COUNTY

**SCAC** recently awarded scholarships to five high school seniors who plan to attend a South Carolina university in the fall.

SCAC's Scholarship Selection Committees met in the spring to evaluate students who submitted scholarship applications, and selected recipients based on their essays, grades, school activities and community involvement.

Scholarship applicants must plan to attend a South Carolina college/university or two-year technical college in the fall.

### SCAC's 2017 Presidential Scholarship

#### Charleston County

SCAC awarded its 2017 Presidential Scholarship to Nicole E. Foscolos of Bishop England High School.

Each year, SCAC awards one \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of the same county as that year's SCAC president. This year's scholarship was presented in honor of Charleston County Clerk of Court and SCAC President Julie J. Armstrong.

Foscolos, the daughter of John and Mary Foscolos of Charleston, plans to study nursing at Anderson University. She

was secretary of Bishop England High School's student government and served two terms as class president. She was a member of the National Honor Society and worked as an attendant at James Island County Park.

Foscolos and her family attend Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, where she is a peer team leader. She is also a member of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston Youth Evangelization Team.

### SCAC's 2017 Board of Directors Scholarship Winners

Each year, SCAC awards four \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are residents of counties chosen by lot. Selected in the 2017 draw were Allendale, Cherokee, Florence and Pickens counties.

#### Allendale County

Claire H. Manuel of Patrick Henry Academy received a Board of Directors Scholarship for Allendale County.

Manuel attended Palmetto Girls State and the USC Salkehatchie Junior Leadership Program. Ranked fourth in her class,

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she served as senior class president and yearbook editor. A former member of the Patriots' softball team and varsity cheerleading squad, she was also named a South Carolina Independent School Association Scholar Athlete for four consecutive years.

Manuel, the daughter of Larry and Lynn Manuel of Fairfax, plans to study graphic design at Lander University. Her family attends First Baptist Church of Fairfax where she participated in missions, served in the community soup kitchen and assisted with vacation bible school.

#### Cherokee County

Haley N. Sherbert of Gaffney Senior High School received a Board of Directors Scholarship for Cherokee County.

Sherbert was ranked among the top 5 percent of her graduating class and plans to attend Lander University to study biology. A former member of the Beta Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she served as vice president of the Green Teens environmental advocacy club. Sherbert also captained the varsity soccer team for two years and was a two-time recipient of the tennis coach's award.

Her community service activities include volunteering for Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, the Boys and Girls Club, and Street Reach Ministry of Memphis, Tenn. The daughter of Robert and Marsha Sherbert of Cowpens, she is an active member of Oakdale Baptist Church where she serves on the children's and baptismal committees.

#### Florence County

Emily W. Ouyang of Wilson High School received a Board of Directors Scholarship for Florence County.

Ouyang, ranked among the top 5 percent of her graduating class, is pursuing an International Baccalaureate diploma. The daughter of Amy C. Ouyang of Florence, she plans to attend the University of South Carolina to major in biology sciences. Ouyang attended Palmetto Girls State and captained Wilson High School's varsity swim team. She also served as president of the Science National Honor Society and the Civinettes.

Ouyang, an accomplished musician, served as an instructor for the Jack J. Hanna Jr. Academy Strings Project and Florence County's String Camp. She is a concert mistress for the Fleur-de-Lis Strings Orchestra. She was a member of the Wilson High School Orchestra, and the Honors All-State and All-Region orchestras.

#### Pickens County

Chandini M. Patel of Easley High School received a Board of Directors Scholarship for Pickens County.

Patel, the daughter of Gita and Mahesh Patel, was ranked second in her graduating class. She plans to study biochemistry at the University of South Carolina. A three-time recipient of the Easley Rotary Club Scholastic Achievement Award, Patel was a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta.

Patel's community service activities include volunteering at the Pickens County Habitat for Humanity Restore and gardening at Baptist Easley Hospital. She served as vice president of the Environmental Club and was a member of the Interact Club, the Spanish Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



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## GASB Issues 2Q GASB Outlook e-newsletter

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued its second quarter issue (2Q) of the *GASB Outlook* e-newsletter on June 6. To view the 2Q 2017 issue, please [visit www.gasb.org/gasboutlook](http://www.gasb.org/gasboutlook). To subscribe to the e-newsletter, click on the News & Media navigation button at the top of the page. Then, scroll down and select the "click here" hyperlink in the "Subscribe" section bottom-left.



# 2017 SCAC Scholarship Selection Committees

## Presidential Scholarship Selection Committee

**CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP: CHAIR**—L. Gregory Pearce Jr., Richland County Council Member; Joseph R. Branham, Chester County Council Vice Chairman; and Johnnie Wright Sr., Orangeburg County Council Chairman

## Board of Directors Scholarship Selection Committees

**ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP: CHAIR**—Waymon Mumford, Florence County Council Member; Henry E. “Sel” Hemingway Jr., Georgetown County Administrator; and Debra B. Summers, Lexington County Council Vice Chairman

**CHEROKEE COUNTY: CHAIR**—Diane B. Anderson, Laurens County Council Member; Dwight L. Stewart Jr., Clarendon County Council Chairman; and Ronald Young, Aiken County Council Chairman

**FLORENCE COUNTY: CHAIR**—F. Pickens Williams Jr., Barnwell County Administrator; Julie J. Armstrong, Charleston County Clerk of Court; and Donald E. Hancock, Saluda County Council Chairman

**PICKENS COUNTY: CHAIR**—Belinda D. Copeland, Darlington County Treasurer; Charles T. Edens, Sumter County Council Member; and W.B. Wilson, Williamsburg County Council Member

## Program at a Glance for SCAC’s 50th Annual Conference

July 30 – Aug. 2, 2017

Hilton Head Marriott, Hilton Head Island

### Sunday, July 30, 2017

Worship Service  
Registration  
Exhibit Area Open  
J. Mitchell Graham/Barrett Lawrimore  
Memorial Awards Competition  
Clerks to Council  
Nominating Committee  
Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee  
Exhibitors’ Reception

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
12 noon – 3:00 p.m.

Ballroom F  
Ballroom Foyer  
Ballroom J and West Hall  
Sabal Palm Room

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Ballroom A  
Capt. Jack Stoney Room  
Bayleys Barony Room  
Grand Ballroom

### Monday, July 31, 2017

Exhibit Area Open  
Registration  
County Official Group Meetings  
County Council Coalition  
Betty T. Roper Elected Women Officials’  
Luncheon (Ticket Required)

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Ballroom J and West Hall  
Ballroom Foyer  
Ballrooms A–C  
Conroy’s Restaurant

### **WORKSHOPS**

- Getting the Most Out of Your 2020 Census
- Improving Quality of Life through Nuisance Abatement
- Legislative Update
- Combatting Mental Illness in County Jails

President’s Reception

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ballroom A  
Ballroom B  
Ballroom C  
Ballroom D  
Grand Ballroom

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Registration  
General Session  
Annual Conference Banquet (Ticket Required)  
Dance

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon  
9:30 a.m. – 12 noon  
6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight

Ballroom Foyer  
Ballrooms A–F  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom





# Changes to the Freedom of Information Act

By M. Kent Lesesgne, SCAC Senior Staff Attorney

**T**he S.C. General Assembly made some significant changes to the Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA as it's commonly referred to. The changes are found in Act 67 of 2017, which became immediately effective when the Governor signed the legislation into law on May 19, 2017.

This article, which highlights some of the major changes, is intended for general information on this topic. Please consult your attorney for specific issues affecting your county. SCAC staff has recorded an online webinar that outlines in more detail the legislative changes made to FOIA. The webinar can be found on the SCAC website at [www.SCCounties.org](http://www.SCCounties.org). Under the site's Services tab, click on the Education and Training Webinars tab. SCAC also published a Technical Bulletin, dated June 7, 2017, that documents the changes.

The Act changes the response time to a FOIA request and adds a time frame for the documents to be produced. For documents that are two years old or less, a public body has 10 days to respond to a FOIA request. Prior to the law change, a public body had 15 days to respond.

In addition, the public body has 30 days from the response date to actually produce the documents. Under the old law, there was no time frame for documents to be produced. If the documents requested are older than two years, a public body has 20 days to respond, and 35 days from the response date to produce the documents.

The Act requires public bodies to post their fee schedules online and sets a threshold for hourly charges. A deposit can be required for large or time-consuming FOIA requests, and the public body can withhold the documents until they receive full

payment. The Act also makes dash cam videos and recordings public documents, but allows law enforcement to bring an action in circuit court to withhold the recordings if they meet certain requirements.

A person can bring an action in circuit court for violation of FOIA and a public body can bring an action for unduly burdensome or improper FOIA requests. Criminal penalties, formerly under the FOIA, are replaced with a civil penalty. Finally, the Act makes it a crime to obtain personal information from a county or other political subdivision for commercial solicitation.



## Use SCAC's Mobile App at This Year's Annual Conference!



This useful app contains the annual conference's schedule, speaker information, exhibitor information, and maps of the venue. It updates automatically, making sure users always have the most current information right at their fingertips.

The app is free and is available for download from the App Store or Google Play by searching for "SCAC." Users may need to know their App Store or Google Play password in order to download the app. For users who want to use the app on a Windows phone, on a Blackberry, or even from a desktop, the web app is available online at [www.scacapp.com](http://www.scacapp.com).

Visit [www.SCCounties.org](http://www.SCCounties.org) for more information.

## Announcing SCAC's 2017 Awards Competition

Is your county looking for innovative ideas? Make plans to attend one of the best educational opportunities offered during SCAC's Annual Conference—the J. Mitchell Graham/Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Awards Competition.

This year's competition will take place on Sunday, July 30, beginning at noon at the Hilton Head Marriott Hotel. The competition is the first event of SCAC's 50th Annual Conference, and all conference participants are encouraged to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to learn new ideas and solutions from your peers.

The J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award recognizes counties that address community challenges, implement operational improvements, or enhance their citizens' quality of life in a unique way. The Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award honors those counties that work collaboratively with other jurisdictions to solve community problems.



# SC RIA to Hold Application Workshop on July 19th

**The** SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) Office of Grant Programs is holding an application workshop to provide interested applicants with information on the grant programs available and how to apply for funds.

**TOPICS:** Eligible applicants, maximum grant amounts, match requirements, eligible activities, application due dates and other program information.

**WHO:** Representatives of local governments, special purpose districts, public service districts, public works commissions, engineers and other interested persons are invited to attend.

There is no cost to participate, but you must register by July 14, 2017, by contacting Pamela Williams at (803) 737-0390 or [pwilliams@ria.sc.gov](mailto:pwilliams@ria.sc.gov).



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## SCAC Board Meets at Association's Office

*SCAC's Board of Directors met on May 25th at the Association's office in Columbia. Presiding over the meeting was 2016-17 SCAC President Julie J. Armstrong (Charleston County Clerk of Court). SCAC Secretary F. Pickens Williams Jr. (Barnwell County Administrator) also spoke at the meeting.*



**Julie J. Armstrong**  
SCAC President



**F. Pickens Williams Jr.**  
SCAC Secretary



## WEBCASTS & WEBINARS FOR 2017

Webcasts and webinars will be published on this calendar when scheduled.

For more information, please contact Leslie Christy-Jennings, SCAC, at (803) 252-7255 or [ljennings@scac.sc](mailto:ljennings@scac.sc). Or visit SCAC's webcast page at: <http://www.sccounties.org/webcast-training>



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## Purpose of the SCAC

- To promote more efficient county governments
- To study, discuss and recommend improvements in government
- To investigate and provide means for the exchange of ideas and experiences between county officials
- To promote and encourage education of county officials
- To collect, analyze and distribute information about county government
- To cooperate with other organizations
- To promote legislation which supports efficient administration of local government in South Carolina

## SCAC's 2017 Conference Calendar

July 29–30 July 30–Aug. 2	Institute of Government Annual Conference <i>Hilton Head Marriott</i>
Aug. 15	Setoff Debt/Gear <i>Embassy Suites, Columbia</i>
Sept. 13–14	Policy Steering Committee Meetings <i>SCAC Office, Columbia</i>
Sept. 14	Continuing Education Update for Risk Managers <i>Embassy Suites, Columbia</i>
Oct. 18 Oct. 19	Institute of Government County Council Coalition <i>Embassy Suites, Columbia</i>
Nov. 7–8	Policy Steering Committee Meetings <i>SCAC Office, Columbia</i>
Nov. 30–Dec. 2	Legislative Conference <i>Renaissance Charleston</i>
Dec. 8	S.C. Local Government Attorneys' Institute <i>DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbia</i>

You can register and pay online for SCAC conferences at [www.sccounties.org/meetings](http://www.sccounties.org/meetings).



## NACo's 2017 Conference Calendar

July 21–24	Annual Conference and Exposition <i>Columbus, Ohio</i>
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