**MARK PALMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
*Administered by the Highlands Seminole Club*

**Eligibility**
- Graduate of public or private high school or homeschool program in Highlands County, Florida
- Resident of Highlands County, FL for at least one year
- Expectation to attend Florida State University, or letter of acceptance to FSU
- Enrollment at FSU

**Selection Criteria**
Applicants are expected to complete (at minimum) a 500-word essay on the following topic:

> “Imagine you have been provided the opportunity to teach your culture to a newly-discovered community of people who know nothing about you or your background. Describe three main lessons you would share and why they exemplify your culture.”

Use the essay to demonstrate your personality, personal beliefs, education, and lessons you have learned. Applications and essays will be reviewed by a committee selected by the Highlands Seminole Club.

_The late Mark Palmer graduated from FSU in 1982 and soon after helped establish and promote the Highlands Seminole Club. He served as President several times and continued to serve on the Board of Directors until his death in August of 2006. Mark was a member of the Seminole Boosters and the FSU Alumni Association, an entrepreneur and local business owner, a husband, father, and a provider to the community. Many of Mark’s friends and family members created a scholarship fund in his honor with the hope that the recipients of future awards would benefit from an education at FSU and may acquire Mark’s joy of life and pride in being a Seminole._

To be considered for this scholarship, the following application form must be completed and returned with the required essay to:

Mrs. Erin McCarta  
2703 N Garland Rd  
Avon Park, FL 33825  ●  863-381-5011  
Mantarayjeep@gmail.com

**Application deadline for fall term is May 1st, 2021**
APPLICATION FOR MARK PALMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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Name: _____________________________________________________________________

Social Security #: _______________________________

Home Address: ________________________________________________________________________

   City: _____________________________________________________________________________

   State: __________________   Zip Code: _________________________

Home Phone: _________________________   Other Phone: ___________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________________________________

Parent(s) or Guardian’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

• Have you applied for admission to FSU?         Yes             No

• Have you been accepted to FSU?                Yes              No

• Are you currently enrolled at FSU?               Yes               No FSU Cumulative GPA: ______________

• FSU Student ID# (EMPL ID) _______________________________________________________________

• Have any members of your family attended or graduated from FSU?             Yes                No
   If yes:    Name: _________________________ Relationship: _______________ Year: ______
      Name: _________________________ Relationship: _______________ Year: ______

• Have you been a resident of Highlands County, FL for at least 1 year?             Yes              No

• Did you graduate from an accredited public or private high school, or homeschool program in Highlands County, FL?          Yes             No

• High School Attended: ________________________________Cumulative GPA: __________

• Have you completed courses for college credit?  Yes  No

   College: __________________________________________________    Cumulative GPA: __________

To acknowledge your authorization and verification of the submitted information, please sign below.

Signed  ________________________________________________________  Date  ______________