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To: UPSR GCA Division Executive Committee Officers

Brothers and Sisters,

At the quadrennial meeting of the BLET UPSR GCA in May 2016, one of the items of business approved by the GCA Delegates in session was the formation of the UPSR GCA Scholarship Program. Our GCA Bylaws, including that portion of same concerning the Scholarship Program, were finally approved by the BLET National Division last week. Thus, we are now ready to initiate and proceed with the Scholarship Program for the 2017-2018 academic year. Enclosed with this correspondence for your ready review and reference is the entire UPSR GCA Scholarship Program Addendum, as approved by the BLET ND.

Also enclosed are application forms for the UPSR GCA Scholarship Program - in both hard copy and web formats. Accompanying the application are the guidelines for submission, which applicants must be careful to follow. As reminder, below is the portion of the Bylaw Addendum outlining the member requirements which must be met in order for a dependent to be eligible to apply.

Member Requirements

In order for their son, daughter or financial dependent (as defined herein) to be scholarship eligible, a member must be 1) current on dues; 2) have maintained continuous membership in a BLET Local Division(s) represented by the BLET UPSR GCA for a period of no less than two (2) years immediately preceding the deadline date for submission of scholarship application; and 3) maintain such membership relationship through and including the entirety of the period between scholarship submission and the end of the academic year to which the scholarship applies. Periodically, an inquiry will be made to verify the concerned member's status with their Local Division. Any member failing to maintain membership pursuant to the foregoing will result in forfeiture of any scholarship awarded to their son, daughter or financial dependent and will be required promptly to remit to the GCA the moneys received or be subject to legal action to recover same.

NOTE: Although the Scholarship Program Addendum stipulates that scholarship applications are due no later than March 1st of every year, due to the belated BLET ND approval of our bylaws, the **deadline date for this year's applications will be March 31, 2017.** Please make this information available to all concerned members of your respective Divisions.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the GCA Office. Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this important matter, I remain,

Fraternally,

Scott Piekarski
GCA Secretary/Treasurer