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November 24, 2014

Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Name of Corporation: SKIP SCHOLARSHIPS, INC.

Dear Division of Corporations:

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$87.50 for filing fee, Certified Copy and Certificate.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to:

Lisa Stephanie Valenti, President SKIP Scholarships, Inc. 4604 24th Avenue South Tampa, FL 33619

The email address for future annual report notification is:

lsvalenti@yahoo.com

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

John W. Bakas, Jr. at (813)-228-8015

Thank you very much for filing these articles of incorporation.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Bakas, Jr.

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Enclosures:

Articles of Incorporation Copy of Articles of Incorporation Check No. 1240 in the amount of \$87.50



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF STATE PLORIDAR OF

SKIP SCHOLARSHIPS, INC.

(In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., a Corporation Not For Profit)

I, the undersigned incorporator, who is a citizen of the United States, hereby make, acknowledge, and file with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is:

SKIP Scholarships, Inc.

ARTICLE II BUSINESS ADDRESS

The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Hillsborough County, Florida.

The principal office of this corporation shall be and is located at:

4604 24th Avenue South Tampa, FL 33619

The mailing address of the principal office is:

4604 24th Avenue South Tampa, FL 33619

ARTICLE III PURPOSE OF CORPORATION

- 1. Exclusively for Charitable and Educational Purposes: This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such limited purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The foregoing charitable and educational purposes shall be carried out to serve public rather than private interests.
- 2. Assets Dedicated to Exempt Purposes Only: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, paragraph 1. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 3. <u>Distributions Only for Exempt Purposes Upon Dissolution</u>: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated

exclusively for such purposes.

4. <u>No Discriminatory Purposes:</u> No one will be denied services of the corporation on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, family status, marital status, or religion. No one will be denied access to the services of the corporation on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family status, marital status, or religion.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- 1. <u>Directors, Manner of Selection</u>: Directors shall be elected or appointed as stated in the bylaws.
- 2. <u>Directors, Number:</u> Subject to the number of directors required by chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the number of directors shall be specified in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws.
- 3. <u>Officers:</u> The corporation shall have the officers described in the bylaws who shall be elected or appointed at such time and for such terms as is provided in the bylaws.
 - 4. Initial Directors and Officers:

The initial directors and officers shall be:

Lisa Stephanie Valenti (Director, President and Treasurer) 4604 24th Avenue South Tampa, FL 33619

Donna Jean Mayo (Director, Secretary) 2016 Gordon Street Tampa, FL 33605

Jerrold Hatari Parham (Director) 4879 Puritan Circle Tampa, FL 33617

ARTICLE V MEMBERS

The corporation may have such members as may be provided in the bylaws. If the bylaws provide for members, the bylaws shall also provide for rights and privileges of members.

ARTICLE VI TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term for which this corporation is to exist shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved pursuant to law.

ARTICLE VII BYLAWS

The bylaws shall be made, altered, or rescinded from time to time by the directors.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Amendments to the articles of incorporation may be adopted at a meeting of the board of directors by a majority vote of the directors then in office.

ARTICLE IX REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office and the name of its initial registered agent at that address are:

Address:

4604 24th Avenue South Tampa, FL 33619

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Name of registered agent:

Lisa Stephanie Valenti

ARTICLE X INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporatorare:

Lisa Stephanie Valenti 4604 24th Avenue South Tampa, FL 33619

ARTICLE XI EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this incorporation shall be December 1, 2014.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Valenti

Lisa Stephanie Valenti

Signature of Registered Agent

11 | 25 | 14 | Date I submit this document for SKIP SCHOLARSHIPS, INC. and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in Section 817.155, F.S.

Lisa Stephanie Valenti

Signature of Incorporator

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