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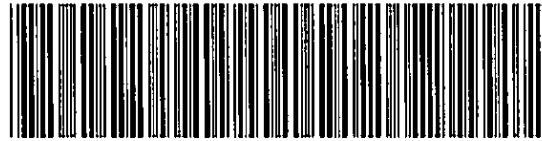
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
Corporate Filings
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Backus Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed are an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the above referenced corporation. Please file the original, certify and indicate the filing date on the copy, and return the certified copy to our attention.

Also enclosed is a check covering the fees and charges for the items listed below, as indicated:

A.	Articles of Incorporation filing fee:	\$35.00
B.	Certified copy of Articles of Incorporation:	8.75
C.	Registered Agent Designation Filing Fee:	35.00
		<u>\$78.75</u>

If the corporation name requested is not available, please call us immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Abernethy, Jr.

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Enclosures

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BACKUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

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The undersigned, as incorporators and on behalf of a not-for-profit, non-stock corporation to be established under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I
NAME

Section 1.1. The name of the corporation is: BACKUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC. (hereafter referred to as the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II
DURATION

Section 2.2. The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved pursuant to law.

ARTICLE III
NON-STOCK CORPORATION

Section 3.1. The corporation shall be organized on a non-stock basis under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act) and may issue Certificates of Membership.

ARTICLE IV
PURPOSE

Section 4.1. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized is for transacting any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the "Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act" and to distribute the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

Section 4.2. The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attainment of any or all of the purposes

for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster, or attain any such purposes. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations thereunder as the same now exist or as they may be hereinafter amended from time to time.

Section 4.3. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director or Officer of the Corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation in effecting one or more of its purposes); and no Director or Officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

Section 4.4. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 4.5. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 4.6. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal laws.

Section 4.7. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 4.8. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 4.9. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 4.10. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by any organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of

the Internal Revenue Code and said Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

Section 4.11. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation, exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court having proper jurisdiction in the country where the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE V MEMBERS

Section 5.1. This Corporation shall have a membership consisting of the persons who are serving on the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI DIRECTORS

Section 6.1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), which shall at all times be composed of at least three (3) Directors. The affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors shall be necessary for all corporate action requiring a vote of the Board, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 6.1.1. Approval of charitable gifts, transfers, distributions, and grants by the Corporation to other entities.
- 6.1.2. Adoption of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws.
- 6.1.3. Organization of a subsidiary or affiliate by the Corporation.
- 6.1.4. Approval of any merger, consolidation, or sale or other transfer of all or a substantial part of the assets of the Corporation.

Section 6.2. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following members (each being hereinafter referred to as an "Initial Director"):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
J. W. Gaines	600 Citrus Ave., Suite 200 Fort Pierce, FL 34950
Robert D Gehrig	2902 Serenity Circle South Fort Pierce, FL 34981
Donald R. Holmes	7818 Long Cove Way Port St. Lucie, FL 34986
Thomas K. Perona	2006 Cypress Ave. Fort Pierce, FL 34949
Edgar H. Klueppelberg, Jr.	1204 Mariner Bay Blvd. Fort Pierce, FL 34949

Section 6.3. Each Initial Director shall serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Division of Corporations, or, if later, until successor Directors have been duly elected and appointed in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII ADDRESSES

Section 7.1. The street address of the principal office of this Corporation in the State of Florida is:

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Section 7.2. The mailing address of the Corporation is:

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

The Board may, from time to time, move its principal office in the State of Florida to another place in this state.

**ARTICLE VIII
REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

Section 8.1. The registered agent and registered office of the Corporation shall be:

NAME

ADDRESS

J. W. Gaines

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

**ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT**

Section 9.1. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner and with the vote provided by law.

**ARTICLE X
BYLAWS**

Section 10.1. The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall adopt Bylaws for the government of this Corporation which shall be subordinate only to the Articles of Incorporation and the laws of the United States and the State of Florida. The Bylaws may be amended from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XI
INCORPORATOR**

Section 11.1. The name and addresses of the incorporator of this Corporation are as follows:

NAME

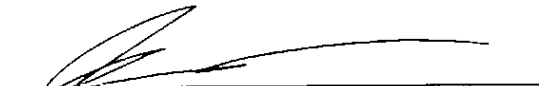
ADDRESS

J. W. Gaines

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 9th day of August, 2018.

INCORPORATOR:


J. W. Gaines

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In pursuance of Section 48.091 and Section 607.0501(3), Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Sections:


BACKUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Certificate of Incorporation, has named J. W. GAINES located at 600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200, Fort Pierce, FL 34950, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Sections relative to keeping open said office.

REGISTERED AGENT:

Date: August 9, 2018


J. W. Gaines