

National Wild Turkey Federation's Academic Scholarship Program Application



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Instructions

1. Carefully read the applicant information sheet to determine eligibility before completing application.
2. Include your full name on the upper left corner of all pages, including attachments.
3. Make sure all portions of the application are complete and include all requested enclosures. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*
4. Applicant and school guidance counselor/principal must sign application.
5. Return this application to your LOCAL CHAPTER no later than **January 1st**. Applications sent directly to NWTF National headquarters *will not be considered*. To find your local chapter logon to www.nwtf.org and select your state from LOCAL INFORMATION.

Return postmarked application no later than January 1st to:

Chapter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Number: (____) ____ - ____

Part I: Applicant Information

Please type or print

Today's Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Name: _____

Permanent Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail address : _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Name of Parent/Guardian with whom you reside: _____

Current NWTF Membership Number (See part VI if you are not a current member) _____

(Xtreme JAKES, Student, WITO, Wheelin' or regular NWTF members are eligible).

Part II: Extracurricular Activities

Securely attach additional sheets if necessary

List membership in school related organizations (i.e. Honor Society, FFA, Beta Club, Science Club, Ecology Club, Student Council, etc.) _____

List elected leadership positions held in high school _____

List any activity that demonstrates community leadership and /or involvement (i.e. Scouts, 4-H, civic group or club, or volunteer work, etc.) _____

List any awards received for school or community involvement: _____

List job experience (i.e. after school, summer, etc.) _____

How did you learn about the NWTF's Academic Scholarship Program? _____

Part III: School Information

High School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____ / _____ / _____

College Preference: _____

Major Study Area: _____

Part IV: Essay

Write a brief essay describing why hunting is important to you and/or your family. Essay must include:

- Why you will be a good investment if you are awarded this conservation scholarship.
- Any experiences and background which demonstrate your dedication to conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage.
- Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed three pages.

Part V: Letters of Reference

Three letters of reference from teachers, counselors, community leaders or clergy (do not include relatives).

Part VI: Required Enclosures

Complete applications must include:

- Official, sealed transcripts
- Copy of current hunting license
- Copy of current National Wild Turkey Federation Membership Card. If you are not a current member of NWTF visit our Web site www.nwtf.org or call 1-800-THE-NWTF to join. JAKES membership is for students under 17 and costs \$10. Student membership is for students 18 and older and costs \$10. Include a copy of your online receipt or ask our membership department for an ID number to include with your application for membership verification purposes.
- Photo (minimum wallet size suitable for publication). No digital prints or personal photos.

Part VII: Counselor or Principal Signature and Stats

To be completed by counselor or principal

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average* (unweighted) _____

*If your school does not use a 4.0 scale, please calculate and convert GPA to a 4.0 scale.

Applicant's rank in graduation class: _____ out of _____ (total number in class)

Official sealed transcripts ARE required.

Signature of Guidance Counselor or Principal _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Part VIII: Signature

By signing this form, I hereby grant the National Wild Turkey Federation the unconditional right to use my name, photograph and essay in connection with press releases and/or publications. I also certify that I have read and meet the eligibility requirements for the NWTF scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____



Before mailing this application please check for the following:

- ☐ I have completed the APPLICANT INFORMATION section
- ☐ I have completed the EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES section
- ☐ I have completed the SCHOOL INFORMATION section and acquired the signature of my guidance counselor or principal
- ☐ I have enclosed my ESSAY
- ☐ I have enclosed three LETTERS OF REFERENCE
- ☐ I have enclosed OFFICIAL, SEALED TRANSCRIPTS
- ☐ I have enclosed a copy of my CURRENT HUNTING LICENSE
- ☐ I have enclosed a copy of my current NWTF MEMBERSHIP CARD
- ☐ I have enclosed a PHOTO of myself suitable for publication
- ☐ I have SIGNED MY APPLICATION
- ☐ I have read the APPLICANT/SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET
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Applicant/School Information Sheet

Eligibility:

1. Students should be graduating seniors with a 3.0 on 4.0 scale or equivalent grade point average. (If transcript indicates a scale other than 4.0, student should have a minimum of 3.75 on a **5.0 scale, 4.5/6.0 scale, 5.25/7.0 scale, 6.0/8.0 scale, 6.75/9.0 scale or a 7.5/10.0 scale**).
2. Students must be pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College or University).
3. Students must support the preservation of the hunting tradition and actively participate in hunting sports. A copy of current hunting license is required.
4. Students must hold a current NWTF membership (Xtreme JAKES, student or regular membership). A membership number or receipt may be submitted if student does not possess an actual membership card.
5. Students must be involved in school activities (i.e. FFA, Ecology Club, Science Club, Beta Club, Student Council, etc.).
6. Students must demonstrate ability as a leader among his or her peers.
7. Students must demonstrate community leadership and/or involvement (i.e. Scouting, 4-H, civic group or club, volunteer work).
8. Students must submit an essay exhibiting dedication to conservation (see application).
9. Three letters of recommendation must be attached to the application (i.e. teacher, counselor, community leader).
10. High schools/students must submit complete applications to the local chapter by January 1. The local chapter president's name and address should appear on the application in the box provided.
11. Employees and board members of the NWTF and their family members are not eligible to participate in the program.

Selection Process:

1. High schools/students will submit applicant names and qualifications on an official NWTF scholarship application, along with required attachments, to the local chapter by January 1.
2. Local chapter officers will review student qualifications and select local chapter winners that meet or exceed eligibility requirements by January 15. The local chapter will notify winners.
3. Five Star local chapters will forward all local winners to the state/provincial chapter president with complete applications by February 1.
4. The state/provincial chapters will review all candidates and select a state/provincial winner by February 15.
5. State/provincial chapter presidents will forward state winners to the NWTF national headquarters by March 1.
6. The NWTF scholarship committee will select the national winner by April 1.
7. The national winner will be asked to attend the National Convention for the following year to be recognized at the JAKES breakfast.

Scholarship Levels:

- Each Local Scholarship Winner will receive a minimum of \$250.
- Each State/Provincial Scholarship Winner will receive a minimum of \$1,000.
- The National Scholarship Winner will receive \$10,000.

Disbursement of Funds:

Students may use their scholarship at any accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College or University). The money must be used for tuition, books, fees and housing. The NWTF chapter will work with the student and the college financial aid officer in determining the payee when the check is issued. This will ensure the greatest benefit to the recipient and avoid violation of eligibility requirements. This is a one-time award for one year.

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Chapter President Instruction Sheet

This scholarship program is designed to work under the Five Star Program. If your state/province is not a Five Star state/province, check with your state/provincial chapter president to make sure funds are available.

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8. Students must submit an essay exhibiting dedication to conservation (see application).
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10. Employees of the NWTF, Board Members and their family members are not eligible to participate in the program.

NOTE: In the event chapters have two or more students who are evenly qualified for top ranking applicant, you may consider the financial situation of the students to finalize your decision.

Selection Process:

1. Local chapter representatives provide the name and address of the local chapter president in the box provided on each application before submitting applications to the school counselors in September.
2. High schools/students must submit complete application packet to the local chapter president by January 1.
3. Local chapter representatives must review student qualifications and select winners that meet or exceed eligibility requirements by January 15. **NWTF recommends using the scholarship judging form for local and state/provincial candidates. This form will be used to judge applicants for the national level scholarship. It provides a fair numerical system for ranking applicants on each criterion, thereby simplifying your selection process, and it will help anticipate how your local winner will compare at the national level.*
4. Local chapter representatives need to submit a Super Fund form to the state chapter president requesting money for local scholarship winners. This form does not require a technical representative signature. The Super Fund form should include the scholarship recipient's name.
5. Scholarship checks should be sent to the local chapter representative to allow opportunity to present check.
6. Local chapter presidents must forward all local winners and complete applications to the state/provincial chapter president by February 1. The state/provincial chapters review all state/local scholarship candidates and select a state winner by February 15.
7. State/provincial chapters need to submit a Super Fund form with the state scholarship recipient's name address.
8. State/provincial chapter presidents must forward state scholarship winner's application and photo to the NWTF national office by March 1. **A scholarship must be awarded at the local level to be forwarded for consideration at the state/provincial level in order to be a candidate for the national scholarship.* State chapter presidents may also include photos of local winners for inclusion on the scholarship banner.
9. The NWTF Scholarship Committee will select the national winner by April 1.
10. The national scholarship winner will be asked to attend the National Convention for the following year to be recognized at the awards banquet.

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Presentations:

A local chapter representative should officially present local scholarships.

A state chapter representative should officially present State/provincial scholarships.

A member of the NWTF national staff or appropriate designee will present the national scholarship.