National Wild Turkey Federation's

Academic Scholarship Program

Instructions

1. Read the applicant information sheet carefully 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 NWTF chapter** no later than **January 1st**. Applications sent directly to NWTF National headquarters **will not be** considered. To find your local chapter visit **www.nwtf.org** and select your state from the **"In Your State" menu**.

Return postmarked application *no later than January 1st* to:

Chapter Name: Delaware NWTF

Contact Name: Charles Spray

Mailing Address: 29476 Revel Road

City: Millsboro State: DE Zip: 19966

Contact Number: (302) 682-4085

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)

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, 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 your commitment to conservation and preserving our hunting heritage. Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed three pages. Essay must include:

- why you will be a good investment if you are awarded this conservation scholarship
- any experiences and background that demonstrate your dedication to conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage
- why hunting is important to you and your family

PART V: Letters of Reference

Include 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
- photo (minimum wallet size suitable for publication). Head shot only.
- copy of current National Wild Turkey Federation Membership Card. If you are not a current member of NWTF, visit our **www.nwtf.org** or call (800) THE-NWTF to join. 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.

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.**

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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 HEAD SHOT PHOTO of myself suitable for publication
- ❒ I have SIGNED MY APPLICATION
- ❒ I have read the APPLICANT/SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET
- ❒ Return this application to your **LOCAL CHAPTER** no later than January 1st. Applications sent to NWTF National headquarters **will not be considered**. To find your local chapter log on to **www.nwtf.org** and select your state from **LOCAL INFORMATION**.

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Applicant/School Instruction 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.
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 chapters will forward winners to the state chapter president by **February 1**.
3. State officers will forward state winners to the NWTF headquarters by **March 1**, where the NWTF Scholarship Committee will select the National winner.
5. Winners may not be notified until their high school awards banquet, as many chapters like to surprise students.
6. The national winner will be asked to attend the National Convention for the following year to be recognized at the JAKES breakfast.

Scholarship Levels:

Most Local Scholarship Winners will receive a minimum of $250.
Most State/Provincial Scholarship Winners will receive a minimum of $1,000.
The National Scholarship Winner will receive up to $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.