

# National Wild Turkey Federation's Academic Scholarship Program Application



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. Applications sent directly to NWTF National headquarters *will not be considered*. To find your local chapter logon to [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org) and select your state from LOCAL INFORMATION.

**Return postmarked application no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

**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](http://www.nwtf.org) or call 1-800-THE-NWTF to join. JAKES membership is for students under 17 and costs \$5. 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**

# Stop!

Before mailing this application please check for the following:

- I have completed the APPLICANT INFORMATION section
- I have completed the EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES 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
- Return this application to your LOCAL CHAPTER no later than **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. Applications sent to NWTF National headquarters *will not be considered*. To find your local chapter logon to [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org) and select your state from LOCAL INFORMATION.

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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).
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 and autobiography 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. (Michigan's Scholarship Winner will receive \$2,000)

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.