

National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship Program

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.

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 the student does not possess an actual membership card.
5. Students must be involved in school activities (i.e. FFA, 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 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. 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.

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/or housing. A local chapter representative should work with the student and the college financial aid officer in determining the payee when the check is issued from the local chapter's account. This will ensure the greatest benefit to the recipient and avoid violation of eligibility requirements. This is a one-time award for one year.

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.