National Wild Turkey Federation’s  
Dr. James Earl Kennamer  
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 “Find all chapters by state” pull down menu.

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)
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 activities that demonstrate community leadership and/or involvement (i.e. Scouts, 4-H, civic group or club, volunteer work, etc.):

List 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 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.

______________________________ Date
Signature of Guidance Counselor or Principal

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.

______________________________ Date
Signature of Applicant
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 the “Find all chapter by state” pull down menu.
Eligibility:
1. Students should be graduating seniors with a 3.0 on a 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.
4. Winners may not be notified until their high school awards banquet.
5. The national winner will be asked to attend the NWTF National Convention the following year to be recognized.

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 to determine the payee. This is a one-time award.

To download an application visit www.nwtf.org and select “Resource Library.”