

National Wild Turkey Federation's

New River Longbeards Chapter Robbie Withington Scholarship



Onslow County, NC

About the Scholarship:

The NWTF New River Longbeards chapter offers a local \$1,000 scholarship, Robbie Withington Scholarship. Robert Lee Withington, best known as "Robbie", was a valued member of our local chapter. Robbie passed away March 20, 2018, following a battle with cancer. He always had a love for the outdoors, and becoming a Wildlife Biologist with the USDA Wildlife Services allowed him to follow his passion of hunting and fishing. It was Robbie's wish that loved ones make a donation to our local scholarship fund. It is with great honor and privilege that the members of the New River Longbeards present the 1st Annual Robbie Withington Scholarship. Selected application will also be submitted to the State and National office for further consideration.

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**.

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

Chapter Name: New River Longbeards
Contact Name: Terri Campbell
Mailing Address: 555 Grants Creek Rd
Jacksonville, NC 28546
Contact Number: (910) 577-5911

PART I: Applicant Information

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)

Applicant Name _____



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?

Applicant Name _____



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
- copy of current National Wild Turkey Federation membership card ***Preferred not required***

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
 - Preferred not required
- 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.

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Applicant/School Instruction Sheet

Eligibility:

1. Students should be graduating seniors from an Onslow County School 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.
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.