



## **2023 NYS/NWTF Scholarship**

### **Sullivan County Long Beards**

The NWTF Dr. James Earl Kennamer Academic Scholarship Program is to recognize and reward a local NWTF member, who is currently a senior in high school, for their outstanding academic achievement, community involvement and leadership roles. A candidate may also be considered for the State and National level scholarships.

#### **Awards:**

SC Long Beards local chapter awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$500 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$250.

**\*\*SC Long Beards winner is automatically forwarded to the NY State scholarship committee**

NYS State Chapter awards: 1st place \$1000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$500.

**\*\*NY State Chapters winner is forwarded to the National (NWTF) scholarship committee**

The National scholarship committee will select the National winner April 1, 2024.

**Applicants must adhere to the following guidelines**

#### **Requirements and Guidelines:**

**Local deadline:** January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Students must apply using the official NWTF scholarship application <https://your.nwtf.org/scholarships> by the local chapter deadline (January 10, 2024). Students must have ALL documents available for upload before beginning the application process.

Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Paper applications will not be accepted.

#### **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 or housing. This is a one-time award.

#### **Eligibility:**

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). Students must upload copies of transcripts for review. Finalist GPA and transcripts will be verified.

Students must be pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e., Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College or University).

Students must actively participate in hunting, support the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage. **A copy of current hunting license is required.**

**Eligibility con't:**

**Students must be a current NWTF member.** If they are not a current member of NWTF, they can visit [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org) or call (800) THE-NWTF to join. Students can request an ID number from our membership department to include with the application for membership verification purposes.

Students must be involved in school extra-curricular activities (i.e. FFA, Ecology Club, Science Club, Beta Club, Student Council, etc.).

Students must demonstrate leadership among his or her peers.

Students must demonstrate community leadership and/or involvement (i.e. 4-H, civic group or club, scouting, volunteer work).

Students must upload an essay (400-600 words) exhibiting dedication to conservation and preserving our hunting heritage. Essay must also include:

- why the applicant will be a good investment if awarded this conservation scholarship
- any experiences and background that demonstrate their dedication to conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage
- why hunting is important to him/her and/or their family

Students must upload two letters of recommendation (i.e. NWTF leader, teachers, counselors, community, or clergy, etc.) (do not include relatives)

**Employees and national board members of the NWTF and their family members are not eligible to participate in the program.**

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**Good Luck**



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