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## TSRA Foundation 2020-2021 Memorial Scholarships In Memory of Mr. “Paul Bartlett” & Mrs. “Kitty Benson”

**Note: Bartlett & Benson Scholarship applications are due in the TSRA office by June 15, 2020**

The Texas State Rifle Association Foundation (“TSRAF”) will be awarding two scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. One in memory of TSRA Past-President Paul Bartlett and one in memory of Kitty Benson, volunteer for many years supporting Junior shooting teams in Texas and at the national Matches.

Questions regarding this scholarship criteria or submission may be directed to Angela Gerlich at 512-426-1329 or by email at [agerlich@tsrafoundation.com](mailto:agerlich@tsrafoundation.com).

### **Criteria:**

- Applicants may be active in any firearm related discipline.
- Applicants must be a Texas/U.S. resident and a TSRA member.
- High School Seniors may apply but must show proof of acceptance to their selected Texas institution of higher learning.
- Current college students must have an overall GPA of 2.75 or greater on the 4.0 scale to apply.
- Applicants must be enrolled/accepted as a full-time College/University student in Texas. (Graduate students are not eligible.)
- Automatic renewal of awarded scholarship is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the TSRA Foundation Board of Directors annually.
- Applicants may apply for any and all TSRA/TSRAF related scholarships; however recipient may only be granted one annually.
- Applicant must submit a 250 -500 words, double spaced essay based on the subject of the Missions I or II of the Texas State Rifle Association. (shown below and listed in the TSRA Sportsman)
  - TSRA Mission Statement I- *To champion and support the rights of law-abiding Texans to own, enjoy and use firearms as guaranteed by the constitutions of the State of Texas and the United States of America*
  - TSRA Mission Statement II - *To protect and defend the inalienable rights of the individual Texan to acquire, possess, transport, carry, transfer ownership and enjoy the right to lawful use of firearms for self-preservation, for the defense of family and property, and for the common defense of the republic and the individual liberties of the people.*

### **Application Evaluation:**

The TSRA Scholarship Committee will review applications and submit a recommendation to the TSRA Foundation Board of Directors for award. The Committee will consider the following information in the evaluation of applicants:

- Academic achievement, honors-awards or special accomplishments
- school service (extra-curricular activities/volunteer work)
- Community and or Work experience
- Financial need for scholarship
- Essay quality and content
- Academic or Community references (non-family)
- Applicants are not required to be a competitive shooter, but must have experience in a shooting/marksmanship or 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment activity. (example: 4H, FFA, BSA, SCTP, CMP, NRA or hunting). Currently shooting on a university, TSRA, or USA Shooting team enhances your application

*The TSRA Scholarship Committee*

*Note: Donations to the TSRA Foundation are encouraged and are tax deductible. Contributions may be made to the TSRA Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund. Visit [www.tsrafoundation.com/scholarships](http://www.tsrafoundation.com/scholarships) for further details.*



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2020-2021 APPLICATION FORM FOR  
**“PAUL BARTLETT & KITTY BENSON” MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000)**

(Awarded scholarships will be issued in two installments, \$500 Fall semester 2020 & \$500 Spring semester 2021)

*Please print or type the following information.*

**Applicant Information:**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_, TSRA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State Texas Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian information:**

Father’s name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Documentation/information to submit with this application: (typed and double-spaced)**

- List all high schools/colleges the applicant has attended and provide dates and transcripts (copies are OK).
- List any awards, scholarships, honors or special recognition received.
- List any community volunteer service/organizations in which you have participated and describe your position or responsibilities.
- List any high school or college activities in which you have participated and describe your position or responsibilities.
- List your work experience
- Provide information relating to shooting/marksmanship experience, hunting, wildlife conservation, or 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment activities.
- Submit an essay on TSRA missions I or II. Your response should not exceed 500 words.
- Submit one or two reference letters from coaches, teachers, mentors, sponsors etc. (not family)

**By signing this application the applicant, and/or the applicant’s parent or guardian, agree(s) to the release of publicity information, including, but not limited to, the applicant’s name and photograph. Such publicity would be related to the award of the scholarship.**

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Only if the applicant is under 18 years of age)

**Send completed application form with supporting documents to ONE of the following options noted below.**

**Applications received after June 15, 2020 at the TSRA office will not be considered by the scholarship Committee.**

**US Mail:** Texas State Rifle Association

ATTN: TSRA Foundation “Paul Bartlett & Kitty Benson” Scholarship Applications 2020-2021  
P.O Box 1090  
Del Valle TX 78617

**Electronic submission:** Send completed Scholarship application form, support documents, letters, and photographs by email in a single PDF to ([outreach@tsra.com](mailto:outreach@tsra.com))