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TSRA Foundation 2020-2021 Sportsman's Scholarship "In Honor of an Anonymous Donor"

Note: The TSRAF "Sportsman's" Scholarship applications are due in the TSRA office by June 15, 2020

The Texas State Rifle Association Foundation ("TSRAF") will be awarding at least one Sportsman's scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 for the academic year (2020-2021). The scholarship funding is made possibly via an anonymous donor whom shall remain undisclosed until his passing and at which time the Sportsman's scholarship fund will be renamed in his memory and endowed. At the wishes of the donor, this scholarship is to encourage, recognize and promote the education of our future leaders in wildlife management, hunting heritage and activities, and conservation of wildlife and natural resources.

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

Criteria:

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident, and a member of the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA).
- **Donor guidelines provide that applicants must show a financial need for the scholarship funding; have and promote a hunting heritage; promote, participate, and support hunting, shooting sports, and firearm safety; and practice and support management and conservation of wildlife and natural resources that enhance wildlife.**
- Applicants should be majoring in academic studies that support the donor guidelines shown above. Examples include, but are not limited to, Wildlife Management and Conservation, Natural Resource/Range/Forestry management, Wildlife biology or zoology. Any major that enhances hunting, wildlife management, and conservation may apply.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at a Texas institution of higher learning. This includes but is not limited to: Junior college, 4-year College/University, Trade or Vocational institutions. 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 2.50 or greater on the 4.0 scale to apply and maintain the Scholarship for that school year. Applicants must also remain full-time students (minimum load of 12 semester hours per semester).
- Automatic renewal of an awarded scholarship is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the TSRA Foundation Board of Directors annually with review and approval of the donor.
- 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 word, double spaced essay based on one of the following subjects:
 - **MY FAVORITE RIFLE/SHOTGUN IN MY FAMILY FIREARM COLLECTION**
 - **RECENT HUNTING EXPERIENCE(S)**
 - **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT/CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES**
 - **Include recent photos/videos of your activities/endeavors in the outdoors**

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Application Evaluation:

The TSRA Scholarship Committee will review applications and submit recipient recommendations to the TSRA Foundation Board of Directors for awards. The Committee (all volunteers) will consider the following information in the evaluation of applicants:

- Financial need for scholarship
- Academic achievement and special accomplishments
- school service (extra-curricular activities/volunteer work)
- Community and/ or Work experience
- Essay quality and content
- Academic or Community references (non-family)
- Applicants must have experience in shooting/marksmanship and firearm safety and should be a hunter.

The Donor requests that the committee/Foundation take into special consideration to receive the Sportsman's scholarship students from low to mid-income families that enjoy family hunting outings, firearm collecting, and engage in wildlife management/conservation programs in Texas –students that have not received other numerous scholarships.

Note: Funds for scholarship recipients will be paid directly to the Financial Aid office in two installments (\$1,000 fall semester and \$1,000 spring semester). Recipients are responsible for providing the TSRA Foundation with the appropriate process and paperwork to send in funds to be credited to the students account.

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 for further details.



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APPLICATION FORM FOR 2020-2021

TSRA FOUNDATION “SPORTSMANS” SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,000)

(Awarded scholarship will be issued in two installments, (\$1,000 Fall semester 2020 & \$1,000 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 higher education institution 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 and conservation activities.
- Description of financial need for scholarship support
- Submit an essay as specified in the Sportsman’s Scholarship criteria. 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 one completed application form and 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

Delvalle TX 78617

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