



The North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association
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North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association 2010 Essay Scholarship

Scholarship Description

PURPOSE

The purpose of the NC Blueberry Festival Association Essay Scholarship is to provide post high school academic scholarships to North Carolina students. Award of scholarships will be based on the following criteria and requirements:

1. Senior in secondary education.
2. **Reside or attend school in one of the following counties in North Carolina: Bladen, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, or Sampson.**
3. Write and submit an essay on the provided topic.
4. Acceptance into an accredited two- or four-year college or university.
5. Full-time student status (minimum of 12 credit hours/semester).
6. Pursuit of a degree in an agricultural field of study is **not** required.

AWARD

The NC Blueberry Festival Association will award a minimum of one **\$4,000** scholarship, one **\$3,000** scholarships, one **\$2,000** scholarships, and one **\$1,000** scholarships to high school seniors. Additional scholarships will be awarded based on available funding. Awards may be used toward the payment for tuition, fees, or books.

SELECTION PROCESS

Final selection of applicants to receive scholarships will be made by the NC Blueberry Festival Scholarship Essay Selection Committee. The committee will give equal consideration to all applicants who fulfill the requirements. Decisions of the committee are final. All essays become the property of the North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association.

All essay scholarship materials must be postmarked by **March 30, 2010** and mailed to the address listed below. Please include 2 paper copies of your essay and one paper copy of your cover information. In addition, please submit an electronic copy of your information (both the essay and the cover information) by email to Wayne Batten at wayne_batten@ncsu.edu or by including it on a disk with your submission packet.

Mail materials to:

**NC Blueberry Festival Association
Attn: Scholarships Committee
Post Office Box 1554
Burgaw, N.C. 28425**

Please direct any questions regarding application for the NC Blueberry Festival Association Essay Scholarship Contest to Wayne Batten at 910-259-5190.

Instructions:

1. **A cover document** with the following information must be included with your completed essay:

- a. Your name, addresses, phone number(s), and email address.
- b. Your date of birth including month, day, and year.
- c. The name(s) of your parent(s) or guardian(s).
- d. Your current status as a student and your expected graduation date.
- e. Name, address, and phone number of your current school.
- f. Name of your high school guidance counselor.
- g. List of colleges that you have already or will submit an application to attend.
- h. If you have already been accepted and have notified a college of your intent to attend, provide name and location (city, state) of this college and the department into which you will be conducting your field of study.
- i. Biographical Information (info that we could submit to the local newspaper). This could include the name(s) of your parents or guardians, a photograph suitable for publication, and/or any other information you would like to submit. Publication is at the discretion of the newspaper editorial staff.
- j. The name and contact information for your local newspaper, if desired.

2. **Essay (2 copies are required)**. Your essay must be double-spaced with one inch margins in a readable 12 point font. Remember that this is an essay, not a research paper, so it should be interesting as well as informative. With the number of entries in the past, grammar is strictly judged. Its length should be no more than 2 pages on one of the following topics:

**Why Blueberries Are The Perfect Food
Why Blueberries Are The Perfect Plant**