



**The North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association
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**North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association
2008 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 North Carolina.
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, two **\$3,000** scholarships, three **\$2,000** scholarships, and four **\$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 15, 2008** 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 Melissa Hendrickson at Melissa_Hendrickson@ncsu.edu or by including it on a disk with your submission packet.

Mail materials to:

NC Blueberry Festival Association
Attn: Melissa Hendrickson
Post Office Box 1554
Burgaw, N.C. 28425

Please direct any questions regarding application for the NC Blueberry Festival Association Essay Scholarship Contest to Melissa Hendrickson at 910-352-4692

Instructions (2 copies of each are required):

1. **A cover document** with the following information must be included with your completed essay:
 - a. Your name, address, phone number(s), and email address.
 - b. The name(s) of your parent(s) or guardian(s).
 - c. Your current status as a student and your expected graduation date.
 - d. Name, address, and phone number of your current school.
 - e. Name of your high school guidance counselor.
 - f. List of colleges that you have already or will submit an application to attend.
 - g. 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.
 - h. 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.
 - i. The name and contact information for your local newspaper, if desired.

2. **Essay.** 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. 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