



The North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association  
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## 2018 NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP

### 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
  - Sampson
3. Write and submit an essay on the provided topic.
4. Provide a list of your past and present community involvement activities.
5. Reflection Statement
6. Acceptance into an accredited two- or four-year college or university.
7. Full-time student status (minimum of 12 credit hours/semester).
8. Pursuit of a degree in an agricultural field of study is not required.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. The essay must address the prompt and meet the minimum requirements listed.
2. All applications must include ALL necessary materials to be considered.
3. Please include a cover page with your completed essay along with two copies of your complete application.
4. All essay scholarship materials must be turned in no later than 11:59 pm on April 6, 2018.

## AWARD

Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$4000.00 each.

Awards may be used toward the payment for tuition, fees, or books.

\*Scholarships will be awarded based on available funding.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Final selection of applicants to receive scholarships will be made by the 2018 North Carolina Blueberry Festival Scholarship Essay Selection Committee.

The committee will give equal consideration to all applicants who fulfill the requirements. Decisions of this committee are final. All essays become the property of the North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association.

All essay scholarship materials must be submitted by **April 6, 2018**.

**2018 NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

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FULL NAME:

AGE:

DATE OF BIRTH:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES:

NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

**CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION**

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

STUDENT STATUS:

GRADUATION DATE:

NAME OF HIGHSCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:

**PLANNED MAJOR/FIELD OF STUDY**

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

COLLEGES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

COLLEGE #1

NAME:

CITY:

STATE:

ACCEPTANCE: YES NO

COLLEGE #2

NAME:

CITY:

STATE:

ACCEPTANCE: YES NO

COLLEGE #3

NAME:

CITY:

STATE:

ACCEPTANCE: YES NO

COLLEGE #4

NAME:

CITY:

STATE:

ACCEPTANCE: YES NO

## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

THIS IS INFORMATION THAT THE NC BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION COULD SUBMIT TO THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER FOR RECOGNITION IF AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP. THIS COULD INCLUDE THE NAME(S) OF YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, A PHOTOGRAPH SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION, AND/OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT. PUBLICATION IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NC BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION OR THE NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL STAFF.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OR COMMUNITY SERVICE YOU HAVE PERFORMED.

## **REFLECTION STATEMENT**

REFLECTION HELPS US LEARN HOW AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED AS A RESULT OF OUR LEARNING. IT CAN HELP OUR CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS AND HELP US MAKE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN WHAT WE LEARN IN SCHOOL AND WHAT WE SEE AND LEARN IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

## **ESSAY**

YOUR ESSAY MUST BE DOUBLE-SPACED WITH ONE INCH MARGINS IN A READABLE 12 POINT FONT AND ITS LENGTH A MINIMUM OF THREE, DOUBLE-SPACED TYPED PAGES. GRAMMER AND PARENTHETICAL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE EVALUATED AS WELL AS CONTENT. MUST USE **APA Format** FOR BOTH IN-BODY CITATIONS AND FOR THE REFERENCE PAGE AT THE END OF THE PAPER.

**ESSAY PROMPT: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AS YOUR ESSAY PROMPT)**

- 1. HOW WOULD YOUR STUDY IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR IMMEDIATE OR LONG TERM CAREER GOALS?**
- 2. WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THE AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS IS FACING TODAY?**

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION  
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIPS  
PO BOX 1554  
BURGAW, NC 28425**

**Deadline is April 6, 2018**