



North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association  
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## 2024 NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the NC Blueberry Festival Scholarship Program is to provide post-high school academic scholarships to North Carolina students.

### ELIGIBILITY

Award of scholarships will be based on the following criteria:

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. Acceptance into an accredited two- or four-year college or university.
6. Full-time college enrollment in 2024/2025 (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester).
7. 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 essay and provide **two copies** of your complete application.
4. All essay scholarship materials must be turned in no later than 5:00 pm on May 8, 2024.

## **AWARD**

Scholarships will be awarded, the number of scholarships awarded will be based on available funding. Awards may be used toward the payment of tuition, fees, or books.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The 2024 North Carolina Blueberry Festival Scholarship Essay Selection Committee will give equal consideration to all applicants who fulfill the requirements. They will select scholarship recipients. The decisions of the committee are final. All essays submitted become the property of the North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association.

**All scholarship application materials must be submitted by Monday, May 8, 2024.**

Applications can be emailed to [info@ncblueberryfestival.com](mailto:info@ncblueberryfestival.com) or mailed to:

NC Blueberry Festival  
Attn: Scholarships  
P.O. Box 1554  
Burgaw, NC 28425

**2024 NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Applicant Information**

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Current School Information**

HIGH SCHOOL YOU CURRENTLY ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Post-Secondary School Plans for the 2024-2025 School Year**

PLANNED MAJOR/FIELD OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGES YOU ARE CONSIDERING ATTENDING:

**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**

Please include a brief bio that the NC Blueberry Festival Association can submit to the local newspaper for recognition if you are awarded a scholarship. This could include the name(s) of your parents/guardians, a photo suitable for publication and /or any information about yourself that you would like to submit. Publication is at the sole discretion of the NC Blueberry Festival Association and/or newspaper editorial staff.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Please provide a summary of any community involvement activities and/or community service you have performed.

**ESSAY**

Your essay must be double-spaced with 1" margins in a readable 12-point font. It must be a minimum of 3 pages. Grammar and parenthetical documentation will be evaluated in addition to the content and cohesiveness of the essay. You must use **APA Format** for all citations and for the reference page at the end of the essay.

ESSAY PROMPT (PLEASE CHOOSE *ONE* OF THE FOLLOWING)

1. HOW WILL YOUR COLLEGE STUDIES AND CAREER GOALS HELP SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY?

- OR -

2. WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE NC AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY TODAY?

SUBMISSION

EMAIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO: [info@ncblueberryfestival.com](mailto:info@ncblueberryfestival.com)

- OR -

MAIL TO:

NC BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

ATTN: SCHOLARSHIPS

P.O. BOX 1554

BURGAW, NC 28425

**Deadline is May 8, 2024**