

Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program
Dr. John O. Gayden Memorial
Scholarship Application

Eligibility Requirements

- Current TNSCTP Athlete
- Graduating High School Senior (Class of 2026)
- Minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average

Scholarship Application Must Include

- **Essay:** Please write and submit an essay answering the following prompt:
 - *What leadership skills (choose two or three) have you developed during your time as a Tennessee SCTP athlete and how have you applied those skills to further conservation in Tennessee?*
 - Essay should be a minimum of 1000 words, typed, double-spaced, and in a plain text font.
 - Please do not put your name on the essay to keep scholarship committee nominations blind.
- **Academic Records:** A copy of your most recent transcript (does not need to be an official transcript)
- **Student Resume:** Please include the following information:
 - Contact Information
 - High School information
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Outdoor involvement
 - TNSCTP involvement

Scholarship Timeline

- **Deadline:** All applications are due by 11:59 CST, July 1, 2026.
- **Notification:** Scholarship winners will be notified after the Scholastic Clay Target Program National Championships with information on how the scholarship will be awarded. Winners will be announced shortly after winners have been notified.
- **Ceremony:** Scholarship winners are invited to be officially presented their scholarship at the Academic All State Banquet in September 2026.
 - Attendance is optional and is not required to receive awarded scholarships.

To be considered, essay, student resume, and academic records must be submitted by July 1, 2026. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dillon Barnes at dbarnes@tnwf.org. Please email applications to dbarnes@tnwf.org or send to:

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