



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED

FIRST (1st) PLACE - \$3,000
SECOND (2nd) PLACE TWO AWARDS - \$1,000 EACH

Instructions

There are 7 (VII) parts to this application. Make sure all portions of the application are completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Your physical or digital signature on the Application is required.

There are 2 ways to submit your FNRA Scholarship application in 2023:

- **Printed: Must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, November 15, 2023**
 - All physical applications are scanned upon receipt page by page. Therefore, please:
 - Use large envelope, do not fold application.
 - No double-sided pages, staples, paper clips or binders of any kind.
 - DO NOT place transcripts or letters of recommendation in a separate and/or sealed envelope.
- **Digital: Must be received by 12:00 AM, Wednesday, November 15, 2023**
 - Please use the **PDF Fillable Form**
 - Remember to save the document with your name (Last Name, First Name), and submit via email to Minnesota Friends of NRA Scholarship – 2023:
 - MNFNRScholarship@gmail.com

Return printed application to Minnesota FNRA Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Jim Kelley
20387 Field Crest Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Notes:

- Scholarship Awards are for the **2024/2025** school year. However, Scholarship can be deferred up to 2 years but **must be used by Fall 2026 term.**
- FNRA Minnesota Scholarship Awards are reserved for Minnesota residents only.
- Scholarship awards can only be paid to accredited, nonprofit (private or government) colleges, universities, or trade schools.

Applicant: _____

PART I: Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number 1: (____) _____ Home Work Cell

Telephone Number 2: (____) _____ Home Work Cell

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

***You will be notified about results via email only.**

Signature

All applicants **must** sign and date the following to be considered.

I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and the essay is an original work written by me. I understand that knowingly fabricating any information on this application may make me ineligible to participate in the Minnesota FNRA Scholarship program.

I understand that information provided on this application may be verified by the NRA Foundation and I authorize and request every person, firm, corporation, association, and/or agency having control of any documents, records, writings, or other information pertaining to me furnish to the NRA Foundation any and all such information the Foundation believes will relate to my qualifications to participate in the Minnesota FNRA Scholarship program, and to permit the NRA Foundation and any of its agents or representatives to inspect, copy, or otherwise record such information.

Minnesota State Funding Committee and the NRA Foundation are committed to safeguarding your personal information and will NEVER share your information with anyone else.

Signature – we will accept “typewritten” signature on Fillable Form

Date: _____

Applicant: _____

PART II: School Information

Applicant must be currently a Minnesota resident, enrolled in an accredited or equivalent high school, and must be a graduating senior, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. If your school does not use a 4.0 scale, please calculate, and convert your GPA accordingly.

Name of High School or Equivalent: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School representative in charge of Transcripts: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (**unweighted**): _____ Class Rank: _____ of _____

PART III: Transcripts

Include copy of transcripts. If you are home schooled, send notification of evaluation provided by the Board of Education, grades from an independent third-party source such as a licensed teacher, or grades from the student's family. Include any grades from the present year along with your transcripts.

Transcripts do not need to be sealed or placed in a separate envelope. Do not send separately unless required by school.

Transcripts may be scanned and included with digital application or emailed to:
MNFNRAScholarship@gmail.com

Note:

If transcripts are mailed separately, must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, November 15, 2023, if transcripts are emailed, must be received by Midnight, Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Applicant: _____

PART IV: Extracurricular, Volunteer and Shooting Sports Activities

Include a list of extracurricular, community, shooting sports activities and hobbies you are involved in. Please list your activities and hobbies in order of their interest to you. Include school and community clubs and/or associations, leadership positions held, awards received, etc. Also include the number of years you have been involved in the organization and your current and past roles including the associated responsibilities.

Applicant: _____

PART V: Essay

Please provide an **original** essay, typed, double-spaced, maximum 1500 words, 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, on **ONE** of the following topics listed below. Correct spelling and grammar are expected. Credit to appropriate sources and/or bibliography **must** be included when applicable.

The Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights states: “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Choose **one** of the following essay topics:

- 1) How does the Second Amendment of our Constitution still hold a profound meaning today as it did to our forefathers?

- 2) Explore historical examples of governments which have allowed their citizens to be armed or have taken measures to disarm them instead. When, where, and what was the outcome.

Notes:

Definition of a polished essay: A polished essay includes clear and concise sentence structure and vocabulary, unique ideas and points, and excellent grammar and spelling. This type of essay also includes points that are backed up by quotes and evidence; it includes smooth transitions and an introduction that is direct and concise.

Plagiarism: Any evidence of plagiarism will automatically disqualify the applicant.

Applicant: _____

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PART VI: Personal Statement

Please describe why you are a good candidate for this year's Minnesota FNRA Scholarship and share your goals and aspirations. Your Personal Statement should be typed, double-spaced, maximum 500 words, 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font.

Applicant: _____

PART VII: Letter of Recommendation

Please include two (2) letters of recommendation from any of the following with only one being academic: teacher, school administrator, clergy, employer, business owner, Scout or other youth group leader, community leader, politician, or outstanding member of the community. Do not use family members. Please ask them to read the *Recommendation Form* before writing the letter. Two (2) letters of recommendation only. Applications with more than two will have them chosen at random, prior to reading. **Please keep recommendation with application.**



Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to complete a recommendation for this **Minnesota FNRA Scholarship** applicant. Letters of recommendation are an integral part of the entire Minnesota FNRA Scholarship application. Therefore, your most earnest and observational thoughts on the student's qualifications are of great importance on this portion of the application.

We have asked that the prospective Minnesota FNRA Scholarship student give you ample time to write a letter thoroughly examining and highlighting the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Please note that students will not be judged on per se limitations; our purpose for the letters of recommendation is to give us insight and perspective on the applicant's judgment, dependability, interpersonal skills, attitude, and initiative. We hope to gain a clearer picture of the applicant with this portion of the application, in addition to his or her transcript, personal statement, and essay.

Please include your letter of recommendation citing your understanding of the individual's qualifications for the Minnesota FNRA Scholarship. Specific examples of behavior and acts of ambition are extremely beneficial to the applicant. The contact information is listed below. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jim Kelley - Minnesota FNRA State Scholarship Committee Chairman
Email: MNFNRAScholarship@gmail.com

Letter of Recommendation: Contact Information

Please complete this section out with your contact information if it is not already notated in your letter of recommendation. This information is kept confidential. It will not be entered into a database or sold to third-party vendors.

Name: _____

Company: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Applicant: _____

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