



PURPOSE

Target the Future (“TF”) was established in 2017 and provides a Scholarship Program that is funded through the generosity of volunteer donors. The scholarship(s) will be awarded to Tennessee residents who are planning to pursue a degree or other recognized education credential at an eligible institution of higher education who demonstrate, through academic achievements, community involvement, and a history of competitive clay target shooting, a strong commitment to their future professional and societal contributions and to the advancement of competitive clay shooting.

An eligible institution of higher education is a school offering education beyond high school. It is any college, university, vocational school, or other post-secondary educational institution eligible to participate in a student aid program run by the U.S. Department of Education. This includes most accredited public, nonprofit, and privately-owned–for-profit post-secondary institutions.

The scholarship funds may only be used for allowable expenses. Allowable expenses mean charges imposed to attend an institution of higher education and all mandatory fees required as a condition of enrollment for all students attending the institution of higher education in which the student is enrolled. Fees which are considered to be mandatory fees are defined by the institution of higher education in which the student is enrolled. Mandatory fees do not include college application fees, entrance fees, orientation fees, out-of-state residency fees, or other similar fees and charges. Allowable expenses also mean the cost of on-campus room and board and the costs of books, supplies, and equipment required for the enrollment or attendance of the student at the institution of higher education where the student is enrolled provided the institution of higher education allows the scholarship funds to be paid directly to the institution by TF. Scholarships or portions of scholarships may be taxable depending on what the funds are used for. Recipients who have questions about the tax consequences of the scholarship award should consult their tax adviser.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The TF Scholarship Committee awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the Committee include the following: Scholastic Accomplishments, Community Service, Extracurricular Activities, References, Explanation on How the Assistance will Help you Meet Your Educational and Shooting Goals, and Participation in Competitive Clay Target Shooting. TF values diversity and all qualified applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to handicap or disability, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or covered veteran status.

The amount of the scholarship award to any one recipient will not be less than \$1,000. The amount, and number of recipients will depend on the amount of funds available to TF. Those who receive scholarships during an academic year may apply again in another year. However, such applicants will be considered along with all others who apply. Scholarship awards in future years will depend on the availability of TF funds.

The TF Scholarship Committee will judge applications. Decisions of the Committee will be final in all respects. In the event a candidate is unable, for any reason, to attend an eligible institution of higher education in the fall of 2026, the scholarship will be granted to an alternate which is selected by the TF Scholarship Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

There is no restriction on any application by reason of handicap or disability, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or covered veteran status. The only limitations are the following:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.
- Applicants must be Tennessee residents. “Tennessee resident” means a person who has a continuous physical presence and maintenance of a dwelling place within the state of Tennessee for at least 12 months immediately prior to submitting an Application for Assistance to TF, provided that absence from the State for short periods of time will not affect the establishment of a residence. Military or diplomatic personnel whose home of record is Tennessee will also be deemed Tennessee residents.
- Applicants must have a history of competitive clay target shooting.
- Applicants must be accepted as full-time students (minimum of 12 credit hours) at an eligible institution of higher education (as defined above) for the upcoming academic semester. Scholarship funds will be paid in August 2026 for the first semester directly to the institution and not to the student. It will be the student’s responsibility to submit to TF his or her student ID number and school information.
- Applicants must submit three letters of recommendations from individuals not related to the Applicant who can confirm that the Applicant meets the scholastic and/or character expectations of TF awardees. The letters must not be dated earlier than six (6) weeks prior to the date the Applicant submits his/her Application to TF. Recommendations may, for example, be from a teacher, guidance counselor, neighbor, or coach.
- Applicants cannot be family members of officers or directors of TF or family members of anyone who serves on the TF Scholarship Committee. “Family members” mean the applicant’s parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, sibling, spouse, child, grandchild, or great-grandchild. Step-relatives in the same relationship as the preceding sentence are considered family members for this purpose.
- E-mail one copy of a completed application package to info@targetthefuturetn.com or mail to:

Target the Future
149 Shasteen Bend Drive
Winchester, TN 37398

- If sending by e-mail, the Application must be received by **no later than March 2, 2026**. If sending by mail, the Application must be **postmarked by no later than March 2, 2026**. TF is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, or illegible applications or postage-due mail, nor for Internet or computer malfunctions, failures or difficulties of any kind. Award winner(s) will be notified in April 2026.





APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Applicant (Name): _____ Date: _____

Applicant's E-Mail Address: _____ Applicant's Cell Phone Number: _____

Name of Guardian: (if applicable) _____

Guardian's E-Mail Address: _____ Guardian's Cell Phone Number: _____

Mailing / Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

School Attending: _____

Current Grade/Year: _____ Graduation Year: _____ Current GPA: _____

Career Aspirations: _____

Which post-high school educational institution(s) are you currently / considering attending:

What are your current / possible Major and Minor areas of study: _____

Examples of Scholastic Achievement, Extracurricular Activities and/or Community Service:

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I authorize TF to verify the statements contained herein. I also agree that if chosen as a scholarship winner I will provide to TF a high-resolution picture of me for use in announcing my award and otherwise promoting TF's scholarship program. I further agree to the use of my name, picture and/or likeness for advertising, promotional, and publicity purposes for the program without further written consent or compensation.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to remit to TF the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant:

_____ Date: _____

If the Applicant is under the age of 18, the Applicant's guardian must read and sign the following:

I consent that if the Applicant is chosen as a scholarship winner, the Applicant's picture may be taken and used to promote TF's scholarship program. I further agree to the use of the Applicant's name and/or likeness for advertising, promotional, and publicity purposes for the program without further written consent or compensation.

Signature of Guardian:

_____ Date: _____

