



Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program

Dr. John O. Gayden Memorial Scholarship Application

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current Tennessee SCTP Athlete
- Graduating High School Senior (Class of 2025)
- Minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average

Scholarship Application Must Include:

- **Application:** Complete and accurate application
- **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?*
 - Essays should be a minimum of 1,000 words, typed, double-spaced, and in a plain text font such as Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri or Helvetica.
 - Please do not put your name on the essay to keep the scholarship committee's nominations blind.
- **Head Coach Referral:** Letter of recommendation (with contact information)
- **Teacher/Educator Referral:** Letter of recommendation (with contact information)
- **Academic Records:** An official sealed transcript and a copy of most recent report card sent via mail

Scholarship Timeline:

- **Deadline:** Scholarship applications are due by 11:59 PM CST, July 1, 2025
- **Notification:** All scholarship recipients will be notified after the Scholastic Clay Target Program National Championships
- **Presentation:** All scholarship winners will be awarded their scholarships at the Tennessee SCTP Academic All-State Banquet at Maury County Gun Club

To be considered, complete applications must be submitted to lbarnes@tnwf.org by July 1, 2025.

***Official sealed transcripts should be sent to: Tennessee Wildlife Federation,
ATTN: TNSCTP, 300 Orlando Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209***



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Completed scholarship applications should include all of the following. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lauren Barnes at lbarnes@tnwf.org or (615) 353-1133 ext. 133.

Required Information

- Contact information
- Name of TNSCTP Team
- High School information
- Weighted & non-weighted GPA

Required Prompts

Applicants will need to answer each prompt completely, listing activities and dates of participation (ranges are acceptable)

- Extracurricular school activities
- Community involvement & volunteerism
- Outdoor involvement (*Hunting, fishing, camping, etc.*)
- Leadership roles & offices held (*May also list qualities or activities that define your leadership abilities*)
- Tennessee SCTP Awards
- Tennessee SCTP History (*Describe your participation in the organization*)
- National Recognitions (*List any national recognitions and/or awards, including academic, extracurricular, sports related, etc.*)

Scholarship Checklist

- Application
- Essay
- Head Coach Referral
- Teacher/Educator Referral
- Academic Records

NOTE: Your application *will not be considered* if it is received late or incomplete.