

Carroll County Pheasants Forever (CCPF) College Scholarship Application

The Carroll County Illinois Chapter of Pheasants Forever is accepting applications for four \$600 college scholarships. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of a Carroll County high school who will be enrolled in college in the 2025-2026 academic year. Children of long-standing members and Long Spur shooters residing outside of the county are also eligible to apply. The scholarship can be for additional years if the student meets the academic standards set by the chapter.

Applications **must be emailed** by February 1, 2025 and returned to chapter Youth Director Daniel Hartman. Please attach additional materials and include in email. This will make it easier to contact in future years. Please send any questions and your applications to: daniel.hartmanpf@gmail.com

Scholarship Criteria

- The scholarship is available for any accredited college, university or trade school.

Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in natural resources, wildlife management, veterinary science, and agriculture.

- The applicant must support the preservation of and actively participate in the hunting sports.
- Selection is based on student leadership, scholarship, activities, and community involvement. Particular attention will be paid to activities in conservation and the habitat work of the chapter. Awards will be made on the content of the application form, a written autobiography, and essay.

Selection Process

- Applications will be judged by an independent panel of three (3) Carroll County citizens. CC PF will notify the winners. Presentation will be made at the CC PF annual fundraising banquet in March.

Disbursement of Funds

- Winners may use their scholarship at any accredited institution of higher learning. CC PF will work with the student and college financial officer in determining when the check is issued.

Continuing Scholarship Standards

- Carroll County Pheasants Forever continues to reward our scholarship throughout the student's 4-year undergraduate term. The chapter expects minimum scholarship performance as a full-time student during the period.

Because the timing of the chapter award is not synchronized with the academic year, the period to meet GPA requirements for scholarship renewal is defined as follows:

- Year II: Cumulative GPA of all courses completed by the end of the first freshman semester.
- Year III: Cumulative GPA for all credit hours earned through the end of the third semester.
- Year IV: Cumulative GPA for all credit hours earned through the fifth semester.

The standard GPA to qualify for a renewed scholarship is a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

However, the chapter recognizes that schools vary in grading standards and the first year of college requires many mature adjustments for the student. Since timing dictates awarding the second year prize based on only half of the first academic year, the GPA minimum level for renewal is set at 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Academic performance is important and the amount of the prize is determined by the student's performance. The minimum cumulative grade performance (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) will receive \$300.

The award will increase to \$450 if the cumulative grade point is between 2.75 and 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The award will meet the maximum level of \$600 when the cumulative grades are at or over 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

If the cumulative GPA at any reporting deadline is below 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, the award for the next period is cancelled.

If a student raises his cumulative GPA by the next reporting period to meet the chapter's GPA standard, the student's award will be reinstated.

Additionally, the chapter expects the recipients to maintain high standards of moral and civil behavior.

The chapter reserves the right to revise the grant amounts if its financial status dictates

such action.

Attached: Scholarship Application

CCPF ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Send this application, essay (listed below), a current transcript, and any other relevant information to daniel.hartmanpf@gmail.com

Please Type or Print

Date_____

Name_____ Date of Birth_____ Home

Address_____

City_____

Email _____ Phone Number_____

High School_____ Graduation Date_____ College

Preference_____ Major Area of

Study_____ List or Attach in School

Related Organizations_____

_____ List or

Attach Leadership Positions Held in High School_____

_____ List or

Attach Activities That Demonstrate Community Involvement_____

_____ List Job

Experience_____

Write a one page autobiography/essay telling why you should receive this scholarship

make sure to include your outdoor activities, achievements, and other qualifying factors.