

Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation

P.O. Box 63
East Chatham, NY 12060



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Memorandum

March 15, 2021

To: High School Guidance Counselors

Subj: 2021 Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award

Enclosed are applications for the 2021 Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award. Please make the applications available to High School seniors.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be a high school student in his or her senior year;
2. Be under age 20 before May 3, 2021;
3. Be a **resident of Columbia County**, but not necessarily attending high school in the county;
4. Have been accepted by a college or university. Confirmation **MUST** accompany the application.
5. Be active in environmental conservation programs and/or be an active hunter, fisherman, trapper, of conservation, forestry, wildlife management, etc.

If you need more applications please feel free to copy them.

This year the winner will receive a **\$1,000 scholarship** to be used for college related expenses.

Need assistance please call our secretary Kelly Hill at 518-325-3662.

The
DICK NELSON
Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship

Application must be received by 5/3/2021 to be eligible.

To the Applicant:

This information packet, including the instructions, application, and sponsor forms, must be used to apply for The Dick Nelson Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship. The Columbia County Sportsmen Federation recognizes and rewards an outstanding high school senior who has actively participated in outdoor sports with a goal of becoming a sports writer, with emphasis on outdoors sports, such as hunting and fishing.

The scholarship committee is comprised of the sitting members of the board of directors of the Columbia County Sportsmen Federation. The final selection of the scholarship recipient will be made on the second Monday in May. Therefore, the completed application and endorsement must be postmarked, or hand delivered, by the first Monday in May of the same year. The scholarship committee reserves the right to modify, at its discretion, the guidelines set forth in this application to facilitate proper administration of the scholarship award.

Purpose of the Award:

The award of \$1000.00 is funded by contributions from the Columbia County Sportsmen Federation Conservation Fund. The award is given to honor DICK NELSON for his dedication and his many years of steadfast commitment to outdoor sports journalism. Through the award, the Columbia County Sportsmen Federation seeks to affirm our commitment to the youth of Columbia County as they seek higher education in a two, or four year college.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants MUST:

1. Be a high school student in their senior year.
2. Be under the age of 19 before starting their first semester of college.
3. Be a resident of Columbia County, but not necessarily attending high school in the Columbia County.
4. Have been accepted by a college or university. Confirmation **MUST** accompany the application.
5. Be **active** in outdoor sports programs.

Required Supporting Documents:

Each applicant must submit an application with a resume documenting their qualifications for the award as well as their career goals. The applicant must be sponsored by two adults not related to the applicant. Sponsors may include principals, clergy, teachers, instructors, guidance counselors, or any person that can verify that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements and who can recommend the applicant for the award.

An official copy of the student's high school transcript must be attached, and if possible, should include grade point average and class standing.

Incomplete applications are automatically disqualified. Use the attached application checklist to ensure completeness.

Be sure the proper mailing address is used to ensure delivery. Applications and recommendations must be postmarked, or hand delivered, by the first Monday in May of the same year.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact:

C.C.S.F

P.O. Box 63

East Chatham, NY 12060

Email: columbiasportsmen@gmail.com

****Forms must be received by May 3, 2021, to be eligible.**

Application Check List:

Use this checklist to ensure all required documents are submitted to the Scholarship Committee.

Incomplete applications are automatically disqualified.

- Application** completed, dated, and signed.
- High school transcript** attached to application.
- Resume** completed and attached to the application.
- Copy of acceptance letter** from a college or university.
- Recommendation forms** from two sponsors. The recommendations may be mailed separately but must be postmarked, or hand delivered, by the first Monday in May of the same year.

The application form must be received by the first Monday in May. Please hand deliver the application or mail it with adequate time for arrival.

Mail to:

The DICK NELSON

Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship

c/o C.C.S.F

P.O. Box 63

East Chatham, NY 12060

****Forms must be received by May 3, 2021, to be eligible.**

DICK NELSON
Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship Application:

Type or print clearly

Applicant Name:

Mailing Address:

County of Residence:

Date of Birth Month/Day/Year):

High School:

Guidance Counselor:

Telephone Number:

Transcript: Yes (Attached) College Acceptance:

(College or University Name) (City & State)

Intended Major:

Sponsor Number 1:

(Name) (Evening Telephone Number)

Sponsor Number 2:

(Name) (Evening Telephone Number)

Do you waive the right to review the recommendations of your sponsors now and in the future?

Yes No

(In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-380, as amended, and with specific reference to Sections 438(a)(1)(b), if you waive the right to the sponsor's recommendations, you may not read the recommendations or any accompanying materials pertinent to your application that is provided to The Dick Nelson Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship.)

Is your resume attached?

Yes No

(The resume is the single most important part of your application and should document why you think that you qualify for the award. Include all information about yourself, documenting any clubs and organizations that you belong to, identifying your interests in outdoor sports, contributions you have made to the outdoor sporting clubs you may belong to and listing any other activities that you have participated in both in school and outside of school. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO LIST ALL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.)

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I WIN THE AWARD, THE MONEY MUST BE SPENT FOR TUITION OR OTHER EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATING TO MY COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Recommendation of Sponsor Number 1

Type or print clearly

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of High School: _____

To the Sponsor:

You have been requested to write a recommendation for the above applicant for The Dick Nelson Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship. Please complete the following information and feel free to include any additional information that may assist the applicant. Letter form is acceptable, but please address all elements. You may keep your comments confidential by mailing this recommendation direct.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Mailing Address of Sponsor:

Telephone Number: (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

Describe your Relationship to the Applicant:

Describe the Applicant's Dependability:

Describe the Applicant's Honesty & Integrity:

Recommendation of Sponsor Number 2

Type or print clearly

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of High School: _____

To the Sponsor:

You have been requested to write a recommendation for the above applicant for The Dick Nelson Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship. Please complete the following information and feel free to include any additional information that may assist the applicant. Letter form is acceptable, but please address all elements. You may keep your comments confidential by mailing this recommendation direct.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Mailing Address of Sponsor:

Telephone Number: (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

Describe your Relationship to the Applicant:

Describe the Applicant's Dependability:

Describe the Applicant's Honesty & Integrity:

Describe applicant's commitment to the outdoors sports:

Please make any other comments about character, behavior, personal development, strength or any other comments you deem appropriate. Add additional sheets if necessary.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title/Position: _____

Return recommendation directly to the following address before the first Monday in May of the same year to:

The DICK NELSON
Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship
c/o C.C.S.F
P.O. Box 63
East Chatham, NY 12060

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2021 Application

Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award

Instruction and Application

INSTRUCTIONS

To the Applicant:

This information packet, including the instructions, application and sponsor forms must be used to apply for the Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award. With this award, the Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation recognizes and rewards an outstanding high school senior who has actively participated in an environmental conservation or shooting sports program, or has been an active hunter, person who fishes, or a trapper during his or her high school years. The scholarship committee is comprised of delegates from sportsmen's clubs that belong to the Federation. The final selection of the scholarship recipient will be made at the Federation meeting held on the second Monday in May. The completed application and endorsement must be **received** by Monday, May 3, 2021. We have provided mailing labels later in this package.

Purpose of the Award:

The award is funded by contributions from Columbia County Sportsmen's Clubs, and other persons interested in environmental conservation and the shooting and outdoor sports. The award is given in the memory of Elias (Skip) Harkowa who was an avid sportsman, and master hunter safety instructor who dedicated his life to educating the youth of Columbia County in the protection of the environment, safe use of firearms, and ethical hunting, fishing and trapping practices.

This award is given annually to recognize a Columbia County High School Student who is actively participating in environmental conservation and/or shooting sports, and/or hunting, fishing and trapping programs while maintaining academic excellence.

Through the award, the Federation seeks to affirm our commitment to the youth of the county as they seek higher education.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants **MUST**:

1. Be a high school student in his or her **senior** year;
2. Be under age 20 before May 3, 2021.
3. Be a **resident of Columbia County**, but not necessarily attending high school in the county;
4. Have been **accepted** by a college or university. Confirmation **MUST** accompany the application.
5. Be **active** in environmental conservation programs and/or be an active hunter, fisherman, trapper, archer or competitive shooter. It is desirable that higher education and career plans be in the area of conservation, forestry, wildlife management, etc.

Required Supporting Documents:

Each applicant must submit an **application** with a **resume** documenting his or her qualifications for the award and career goals. The resume should identify any sportsmen club affiliations (including NRA, NYSRPA, NYCC, North American Hunting Club, etc.), environmental groups or shooting/sports groups he or she may belong to. The applicant **MUST** be **sponsored** by two adults not related to the applicant. Sponsors may include principals, clergy, teachers, instructors, guidance counselors, club officers or any person that can verify that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements and who can recommend the applicant for the award. Finally, an official copy of the high school transcript must be attached, and if possible, should include grade point average and class standing.

Incomplete applications are automatically disqualified. Use the attached application check list to insure completeness. Applications AND recommendations must be **received** by May 3, 2021.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Kelly Hill, 518-325-3662 between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. or via e-mail: kkhill9264@gmail.com (please be sure to reference "Harkowa Scholarship" in the subject line).

Application Check List

Use this check list to insure all required documents are submitted to the Scholarship Committee.

Incomplete applications are automatically **disqualified**.

- **Application** – Completed, dated and signed.
- Scholarship **transcript** attached to application
- **Resume** completed and attached to the application.
- Copy of **acceptance letter** from a college or university.
- Application must be **mailed to insure delivery by May 3, 2021**.
- **Recommendation** forms from **two sponsors**. The recommendations may be mailed separately but must be received by May 3, 2021.

Cut and paste to mail Application & Recommendations

<p>Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation P.O. Box 63 East Chatham, New York 12060</p> <p><i>Application</i></p>	<p>Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation P.O. Box 63 East Chatham, New York 12060</p> <p><i>Sponsor 1</i></p>
<p>Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation P.O. Box 63 East Chatham, New York 12060</p> <p><i>Sponsor 2</i></p>	<p>Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation P.O. Box 63 East Chatham, New York 12060</p> <p><i>Extra Label</i></p>

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**2021 Application
Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award**

Print or Type

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: (Month/Day/Year) _____

High School: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Transcript: Yes (attached) No

College Acceptance: _____
(College or University Name) (City & State)

Intended Major: _____

Sponsor Number 1: _____
(Name) (Evening Telephone Number)

Sponsor Number 2: _____
(Name) (Evening Telephone Number)

Do you waive the right to review the recommendations of your sponsors now and in the future?

Yes No

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Is your resume attached?

Yes No

(The resume is the single most important part of your application and should document why you think that you qualify for the ward. Include all information about yourself, documenting the clubs and organizations that you belong to, indentifying your interests in hunting, fishing, trapping and/or shooting, documenting contributions that you have made to the environment, and listing any other activities that you have participated in both in school and out side of school. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO LIST ALL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATIONS PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I WIN THE AWARD, THAT THE MONEY MUST BE SPENT FOR TUITION OR OTHER EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATING TO MY COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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2021 Application
Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award
Recommendation of Sponsor Number 1

Type or print

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of High School: _____

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Name of Sponsor: _____

Address of Sponsor: _____

Telephone Number: Days: _____ Evenings: _____

Describe your Relationship to the Applicant:

Based on your knowledge and observations:

Describe the Applicant's Dependability:

Describe the Applicant's Honesty & Integrity:

Describe his or her Commitment to Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Shooting and/or Conservation:

Please make any other comments about character, behavior, personal development, strength or any other comments you deem appropriate. Add additional sheets if necessary.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title/Position: _____

Return this recommendation directly to the following address before May 3, 2021:

**Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award
Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation
P.O. Box 63
East Chatham, NY 12060**

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2021 Application
Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award
Recommendation of Sponsor Number 2

Type or print

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of High School: _____

To the Sponsor: You have been requested to write a recommendation for the above applicant for the Skip Harkowa Scholarship Award. Please complete the following information and feel free to include any additional information that may assist the applicant. Letter form is acceptable, but please address all elements. You may keep your comments confidential by mailing this recommendation direct.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Address of Sponsor: _____

Telephone Number: Days: _____ Evenings: _____

Describe your Relationship to the Applicant:

Based on your knowledge and observations:

Describe the Applicant's Dependability:

Describe the Applicant's Honesty & Integrity:

Describe his or her Commitment to Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Shooting and/or Conservation:

Please make any other comments about character, behavior, personal development, strength or any other comments you deem appropriate. Add additional sheets if necessary.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title/Position: _____

Return this recommendation directly to the following address before May 3, 2021:

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