

The  
**DICK NELSON**  
Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship

Application must be received by 5/1/2023 to be eligible.

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**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.
6. A **completed application** must be received in order to be considered an applicant.

## 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

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## **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

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**DICK NELSON**  
**Outdoor Sports Journalism Scholarship Application:**

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Applicant Name:

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Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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(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:

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Describe the Applicant's Dependability:

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Describe the Applicant's Honesty & Integrity:

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Describe applicant's commitment to the outdoors sports:

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

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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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# Recommendation of Sponsor Number 2

Type or print clearly

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address of Sponsor:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your Relationship to the Applicant:

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Describe the Applicant's Dependability:

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Describe the Applicant's Honesty & Integrity:

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Describe applicant's commitment to the outdoors sports:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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