

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



2024 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 6, 2024. 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 6, 2024.
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.
6. A **completed application** must be received in order to be considered as an applicant.

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 6, 2024.

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: columbiasportsmen@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 6, 2024**.
- **Recommendation** forms from **two sponsors**. The recommendations may be mailed separately but must be received by May 6, 2024.

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>
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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

(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 Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation.)

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 the clubs and organizations that you belong to, identifying 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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**2024 Application
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Recommendation of Sponsor Number 1**

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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 6, 2024:

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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: _____

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