



2026-2027 National Scholarship Program

Ducks Unlimited (DU) has a national scholarship program that has funded scholarships for each school year since 2018. The total amount of scholarships awarded each spring is \$45,000 annually, and to date, DU has awarded 550 scholarships totaling \$415,000. The 2027 scholarship program will include 50 scholarships at \$500 each, 10 scholarships at \$1,000 each, and one National Scholarship of \$10,000.

Application Period:

- The application period begins October 15, 2026.
- Application deadline is March 1, 2027.
- All applications must be submitted and completed online using the following URL:
 - [DU National Scholarship Program | Ducks Unlimited](#)
- Scholarship recipients will be notified in mid-April 2027.

Minimum Requirements:

- Ducks Unlimited Member (Member ID# required for application.)
- Graduating High School Senior in 2027.
- Enrolling in a two- or four-year accredited college/university or trade/vocational school beginning in the fall of 2026.
- Minimum 2.8 weighted GPA - based on a 4.0 scale.
- Minimum of 1 letter of recommendation, up to 3 allowed (PDF format)
- Resume of awards, personal recognitions, and/or leadership service in your community or school (PDF format)
- Required essay: 500 words or fewer on the following topic (PDF format):

How have your outdoor experiences contributed to your understanding of the importance of wetlands, and how have you acted or intend to act on this knowledge?

Scholarship Recognition:

- Winners will be recognized on the scholarship page of the Ducks Unlimited website and in *Ducks Unlimited* Magazine
- Scholarships will be sent directly to the college/university of the recipient before the fall semester.

If you have any questions on the scholarship program or application requirements/process, please contact Mark Horobetz at mhorobetz@ducks.org or 901-758-3892.