



# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TOPSAIL ISLAND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

UNWEIGHTED GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be graduating seniors within either Dixon High School or Topsail High School attendance areas with an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher. An official high school transcript is required. Early College and homeschooled seniors must live in the Dixon High School or Topsail High School attendance area.
- Applicants must present two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a teacher or school administrator.
- Applicants must provide documented evidence of service, extracurricular activities, awards, and recognitions.
- Applicants must choose a historical event which occurred in either Onslow or Pender County and present information about the event through one of the following genres:
  - written essay of at least 750 words,
  - original piece of art,
  - original song, or an
  - original poem.

Each entry must demonstrate a complete understanding of the event and its historical importance. **All genres require appropriate referencing using either APA or MLA style** (American Psychological Association or Modern Language Association).

- Scholarship winners are required to present a PowerPoint presentation about their entry at the Historical Society of Topsail Island Luncheon on **April 10, 2025**.
- Members of the Education Committee of the Historical Society of Topsail Island will rate the scholarship applications. All entries will be judged on:
  - Accuracy of content
  - Organization of material
  - Creativity and originality of the presentation
  - References provided in APA or MLA style

Scholarships range in amount from \$1,000.00 to \$6,000.00.

**Deadline: February 14, 2025**

## **GUIDELINES FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TOPSAIL ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST AWARDS**

All entries must be submitted by February 14, 2025.

Two letters of recommendation must also be included. One of the letters must be from a teacher or administrator.

An official high school transcript is required that reflects a minimum GPA of 2.5 unweighted

Documented evidence of the student's community service must accompany the application.

Extra-curricular activities, awards, and recognition should be listed.

Scholarship winners are required to present a PowerPoint presentation at the HSTI Luncheon, TBA.

### **ESSAYS**

1. Must contain a minimum of 750 words.
2. Must be written in the student's own words and reflect the writing style of the student.
3. Demonstrate organization of content and understanding of the historical event.
4. Demonstrate the proper use of grammar and cite references in APA or MLA style (American Psychological Association or Modern Language Association).

### **POETRY**

1. Demonstrate a complete understanding of the historic event.
2. Include sensory details and figurative language that creates an image for the reader.
3. Demonstrate use of proper grammar.
4. Include a paragraph that explains the historical event. The paragraph must have references cited in APA or MLA style.

### **ARTS**

1. Demonstrate effective use of the elements of design.
2. Demonstrate originality, as well as correct adherence to the factual happenings of the event.
3. Include a written description of that which is depicted. The paragraph must have references cited in APA or MLA style.
4. Shows understanding of the topic.

### **MUSIC**

1. Ties in well with the genre of music chosen.
2. Shows understanding of historical context.
3. Lyric vocabulary is appropriate for the subject and the song.
4. Creative, uses appropriate rhyme, and is fluid.
5. Include a descriptive paragraph with references cited in APA or MLA style.

### **SCHOLARSHIP WINNER'S POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

- The student will tell the HSTI Luncheon attendees a little about themselves; i.e. which schools they are considering etc.
- The student must demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the material presented.
- The length of the presentation must adequately cover the material, but not exceed 10 minutes.
- Enough information is given to understand the historical event without excluding important information.
- The presentation should be creative and easy to see and to follow. It must be presented and not just read from the screen.
- The power point must include references in APA or MLA style.

**RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE (Topsail, Dixon, Pender Early College) DEADLINE FEBRUARY 14, 2025**

**Homeschooled student entries must be postmarked no later than February 14, 2025. Mail entry to:**

**Scholarship Chairperson  
Historical Society of Topsail Island  
P.O. Box 3653  
Topsail Beach, NC 28445**