



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TOPSAIL ISLAND

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

GPA (Unweighted): _____

CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be graduating seniors who reside within the Dixon or Topsail High School attendance areas and have an unweighted GPA of at least 2.5. This includes students attending Dixon High School, Topsail High School, Pender Early College High School, and students who are homeschooled. An official transcript is required for all applicants.
- 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 recognition.
- 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 is expected to show understanding of the event and its historical significance. All genres require proper referencing in either APA or MLA style (American Psychological Association or Modern Language Association). Entries that do not include appropriate references and in-text citations will receive fewer points.

- Scholarship winners are required to give an 8–10 minutes visual presentation highlighting their project, key findings, and what they learned at the **Historical Society of Topsail Island Luncheon on April 8, 2027**. The presentation should be supported by Google Slides or PowerPoint.
- Members of the Education Committee of the Historical Society of Topsail Island will rate the scholarship applications. Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Accuracy of content
 - Organization of material
 - Creativity and originality of the presentation
 - References and in-text citations provided in APA or MLA style.

Scholarships range in amounts from \$1,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

Deadline: Monday, February 22, 2027

GUIDELINES FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TOPSAIL ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST AWARDS

All entries must be submitted by Monday, February 22, 2027.

Applicants are required to provide two letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be written by a teacher or administrator.

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

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

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

Recipients of the scholarship are required to present a visual presentation supported by Google Slides or PowerPoint at the HSTI Luncheon scheduled for April 8, 2027.

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 and in-text citations 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 provide the HSTI Luncheon attendees with a brief introduction about themselves including which schools they are considering etc.

- The student must demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the material presented.
- The presentation should cover all material and stay within 10 minutes.
- The historical event is described with all relevant details provided.
- The presentation is intended to be clear and easy to follow. It should be delivered rather than read directly from the screen.
- The presentation must include references in APA or MLA style.

RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE (Topsail, Dixon, Pender Early College). DEADLINE FEBRUARY 22, 2027.

Homeschooled student entries must be postmarked no later than February 22, 2027. Mail entry to:

Scholarship Chairperson
Historical Society of Topsail Island
720 Channel Boulevard
Topsail Beach, NC 28445