

## 2024 WSSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please submit all questions and completed forms to:

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The Wyoming State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) will again be offering scholarships to either graduating high school seniors or persons currently enrolled in college full time (*12 semester credits*), either physically or online. Scholarships will be given to the winners regardless of other grants or scholarships that the students may also receive.

### Requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant or immediate family must be an active paying member of a club in the WSSA. That club must confirm the applicant or immediate family is in fact active. A letter of approval with a signature from the club President is required.
2. The applicant must submit the completed application form.
3. The applicant must submit a cover letter.
4. The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular activities.
5. The applicant must submit an essay (*essay subject located on the application form*). The essay **MUST** follow the format below to be accepted and should be sent in **Word or Google Docs**:
  - a. Minimum of 2 pages – typed.
  - b. Double-spaced.
  - c. Font – Times New Roman.
  - d. Font size – 12 point.
  - e. Margins – set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
  - f. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
  - g. A header (*for example, the essay question*) can be added 1 inch from the top of the 1st page, and then enter a double space and begin your essay.
  - h. Do NOT include your name, OR the name of your club, school, town, business, etc...anywhere within the essay. For example, you should use "**my local club**", "**my high school**", "**my local riding area**", and "**my hometown**", instead of actual names.  
(**NOTE:** This information will be included within your application/resume/cover letter where applicable, just not within the essay).
  - i. Do NOT use bold-faced type or other special settings.
  - j. If work is cited, please add an additional 'work-cited' page at the end of the essay. This information will NOT be counted as part of the 2-page minimum.
  - k. The essay must follow the essay topic or be disqualified.
6. Students are not allowed to use any kind of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology such as ChatGPT to write the essay. We will be checking essays via an AI detecting App.
7. The applicable documents must be received by the WSSA Scholarship Chairman by **February 1, 2024**.
8. **Any entry that does not meet ALL of these requirements will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### Additional rules:

1. Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
2. All scholarship checks will be written directly to the college and not to the student ~ no exceptions.
3. The student ID#, college name and address to send the scholarship check to, needs to be provided to the WSSA Scholarship Chairman by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year OR within 30 days of enrollment.

**WSSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM  
2024**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State / Province:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Association / Provincial Federation:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Member of which local Club(s)?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Graduated from what high school or GED equivalent?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending which college, technical or vocational institute?**

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**If already enrolled in a program, what year are you in?** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School or Equivalent GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If applicable, College, Technical or Vocational GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Have you attached a cover letter introducing yourself?**

☐ **Have you attached a resume detailing your involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular school activities?**

☐ **Have you attached an essay on the following subject (must be at least 2 pages, double-spaced and typed)?**

☐ **Have you attached a letter of approval with a signature from the club President verifying you or your immediate family is an active, paying member of the club?**

Essays will be judged on depth of content, clarity, organization, and persuasiveness.

**Essay Topic:** How would you approach a land management agency (federal/state/private) when a trail system or riding area is threatened? Please use a current Travel Management Plan (Shoshone, Bridger-Teton, Bighorns, etc...) of your choice as a basis for your essay.

Your essay should describe the problems briefly and offer an organized, well-argued plan of attack.

You may want to consider one or more of the following:

- History of the system/area
- Condition of the system/area
- Ecosystems involved
- Other potential stakeholders
- Options to closure or restriction/solutions to problems

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**Extra, FUN activity** – this does NOT count towards your essay judging and is not required, but we hope you will enter a video!

\*Create a 30-second video (TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, your phone, etc...) letting your peers know why they should join a snowmobile club. Make it fun and creative!

- The person who creates the best video will receive a \$100 Visa gift card.

**\*\*Disclaimer:** *providing this video allows the WSSA to use the video on our website and social media sites, as well as for various events.*