



# NORTHERN STAR SCOUTING

## VENTURING SCHOLARSHIP

This is the 2026 Venturing Scholarship Application  
Please be sure to use only these forms when applying.

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY**  
**11:59 P.M., March 1, 2026**

### PROCEDURES

The Venturer applying for a scholarship should:

- Complete the application personally.
- **Enclose only the items requested** in the requirements (no biographies, resumes, or supplementary lists of activities).
- **Answer all questions on the application.** (“See attached” is not an acceptable answer.)
- Please try to limit your entry to fewer than 10 pages with the application (i.e., financial statement, recommendation, and high school transcript).
- Include the **applicant’s name on each enclosure** in the upper right hand corner.
- Submit all supplemental information with the application form to ensure that all items are available for review at the same time. (The Northern Star Scouting cannot assume responsibility for matching items that come in separately.)
- Address complete applications to: Venturing Scholarship Committee, Northern Star Scouting, 6202 Bloomington Road, Fort Snelling, MN 55111. Or email to hlockwood@comcast.net
- **Applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2026 to be considered.**
- Applications become the property of the selections committee and will not be returned to the applicant. By **April 10, 2026**, the selections committee will inform all applicants of its decision **in writing**.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must:

- Be currently registered as a youth with Northern Star Scouting in the Venturing Program.
- Have not been awarded another Scholarship from Northern Star Scouting
- Provide a transcript of **school** grades covering prior semesters only. The transcript need not be “official”.
- Be a graduating High School Senior entering a post secondary school or a Freshman enrolled in college in the year the scholarship is awarded.
- Submit **photocopy of ACT and/or SAT score** unless score is included on transcript.
- Have demonstrated leadership ability in Venturing and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Venturing; **and**
- \*(1) Provide a statement by the applicant clearly stating why they believe they need financial aid, **signed by the applicant and countersigned by the parent.**
- \*(2) Provide one signed recommendation letter from a volunteer Venturing leader or a professional Scouter who knows the applicant personally. **This is the only endorsement required. Endorsements from teachers, counselors, etc., should not be included.**
- \*(3) Attach a brief statement of 50 to 100 words entitled, *“What receiving this Venturing Scholarship would mean to me.”*  
**\*ITEMS 1-3 MUST BE INCLUDED IN APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

### APPLICANT’S INFORMATION Please type or print clearly in black ink.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first / middle / last)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(first / middle / last)

# SCOUTING RECORD

I am currently registered in Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Chartered Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Positions Held

(Check all that apply.)

- Crew President
- Crew Vice President Admin
- Crew Vice President Program
- Crew Treasurer
- Crew Secretary
- Area Venturing Officer
- Region Venturing Officer
- National Venturing Officer
- Assistant Patrol Leader
- Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Quartermaster
- Den Chief
- Treasurer
- Varsity Team Captain
- Varsity Squad Leader
- Varsity Co-Captain
- Area Explorer Officer
- National Explorer Officer
- Administrative Vice President
- President
- Other positions \_\_\_\_\_
- NSC Council Camp Counselor in Training
- NSC Council Camp Staff: # of Years \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- Nat'l High Adv. Base Staff: # of Years \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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# National Awards Earned

(Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Summit Award               | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Trails Award                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Venturing Leadership Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Hornaday Award   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quest Award                | <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Distinguished Conservation Award                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trust Award                | <input type="checkbox"/> Heroism Award  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Award               | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Medal  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ranger Award               | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Medal with Crossed Palms                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scout Gold Award      | <input type="checkbox"/> Medal of Merit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Lifeguard              | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious emblem   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Snorkeling             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Scout Quartermaster                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-Miler Award             | <input type="checkbox"/> Merit badges (Please provide total number earned.) _____ |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Award  |

Other Scouting positions/awards (please specify)

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Outdoor experiences of five or more days and nights (Please specify and number of years at each camp.)

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Have you participated in any of the following? (Check all that apply and list the number of times you have participated.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Council expeditions: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> National Jamboree _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kodiak: _____               | <input type="checkbox"/> World Jamboree _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NYLE (Grey Wolf etc.) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Powder Horn _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order of the Arrow _____    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Badge _____        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-Adventure Base: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Badge _____         |
- (Philmont / Sea Base / Northern Tier/Summit)*



# Activities Outside of School and Scouting

(Check all that apply.)

## Church

- Acolyte
- Altar
- Choir
- Deacons Quorum
- Teachers Quorum
- Priests Quorum
- Sports
- Sunday School Teacher
- Usher
- Youth group
- Other (Please specify.)

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## Clubs and Other Activities

- Blood drives
- Civic (library, park, government, etc.)
- Community theater
- Food drives
- 4-H
- Hospital
- Junior Achievement
- Local Band
- Red Cross
- Rotary
- Salvation Army
- Tutoring
- Other (Please specify.)

**Please note any activities or awards of which you are especially proud:**

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**CAREER ASPIRATIONS:**

In **order of preference**, list post secondary schools to which you have applied or plan to apply:

**School Name** (Please note if your decision is final or priority of choice)  
(Include post-secondary vocational schools.)

**Estimated Cost Per Year**  
(Include tuition/room/board.)


**Financial Need Details**

**Attach to this application a clear statement of your financial need.** This is important and should be much more than "an education costs a lot of money" or "I want to help my parents." This statement distinguishes your need from that of others and sets you apart. **What is unique about your need?** What have you done to prepare yourself for the financial needs of your post-secondary education? Discuss special family situations, e.g., a disability, one-parent family, ill health of parent, parent's loss of a job, number of siblings, number of siblings in a post-secondary school, etc. Be sure to include each of your parent's occupations if applicable.

What other financial assistance or grants do you expect? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received or do you expect to receive other financial aid grants (including Scholarships from Northern Star Scouting awarded in the past year)? If so, please list names and amounts:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List jobs you have held during the past two years:

Employer	Months Employed	Amount Earned
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

On your own, how much money have you saved to assist in your further education? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the Venturing Scholarship Selections Committee to request and obtain any additional information it may deem necessary.

**On my honor as a Venturer, all information and statements on this form are true and correct.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Venturer Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read the foregoing application and it has my approval.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent (Father)/Guardian      Date

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Signature of Parent (Mother)/Guardian      Date

Return to the first page of this application. Reread the “Procedures” and “Requirements” sections. Check to be sure that you have followed the instructions and that you have enclosed all necessary supplemental information.

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Scholarship funds will be held in escrow and sent directly to the financial officer at the school of your choice. When the Escrow Release form is received by the Northern Star Scouting, your scholarship funds will be forwarded with a statement to the school’s financial officer indicating that these funds must be used as the recipient directs and may not be used to reduce the financial grants provided by the school.