

This form is TWO pages and can be copied and filled in using BLUE INK. PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY. You may download this form at www.northamptongop.org and save it on your computer. It is a fillable "PDF" and you may enter all information into the form, save it, then print it for signature. All highlighted fields must be filled in. Dates are entered as MM/DD/YYYY. Phone Numbers are entered as 999-999-9999. READ PAGE TWO FIRST!

**ENTER YOUR BASIC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

TITLE:  FIRST NAME:  MI:  LAST NAME:  GENDER:   
NAME YOU PREFER:  DATE OF BIRTH:

**ENTER YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

ADDRESS LINE 1:  HOME PHONE:  MOBILE:   
LINE 2 (Optional):  PRIMARY EMAIL:   
CITY:  STATE:  ZIP CODE:

**ENTER YOUR HIGH SCHOOL & GUIDANCE COUNSELOR INFORMATION**

HIGH SCHOOL:  EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:   
ADDRESS:  LINE 2 (Optional):   
CITY:  STATE:  ZIP CODE:

**Enter Your Guidance Counselor's Information Below:**

FIRST NAME:  MI:  LAST NAME:  OFFICE PHONE:   
PRIMARY EMAIL:  HAVE YOU NOTIFIED THEM OF YOUR APPLICATION?

**ENTER YOUR ANTICIPATED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR**

SCHOOL:  EXPECTED START DATE:   
ADDRESS:  LINE 2 (Optional):   
CITY:  STATE:  ZIP CODE:

**Enter Admissions Information Below. If you have not yet been offered Admissions or not yet accepted offer, leave the date blank:**

CONTACT PERSON:  PRIMARY EMAIL:   
DATE YOU WERE OFFERED ADMISSION:  DATE YOU ACCEPTED ADMISSION:  OFFICE PHONE:

By submitting this Application Form, I/WE acknowledge that the Applicant meets all criteria of the Program, has/have read and fully agree to all of the rules, terms and conditions as outlined on Page 2, and has/have included all required information and the essay in the form and format required. Furthermore, my/our signature(s) below authorize any school or program to release any information required by this Scholarship Program to verify the Applicant's eligibility for award. NOTE: If the Applicant has not attained age 18 at the time of application, parent or legal guardian must also sign & date this form.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE      DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE      DATE

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN FULL NAME & PHONE NUMBER

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**READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY!! 2016 Essay Topic - DEADLINE: 3/31/2016**

**"Compare and contrast how the non-main stream Presidential candidates are impacting the presidential electoral process positively and negatively. "**

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**Eligibility for Participation:**

Any Northampton Township resident who is scheduled to graduate from any accredited High School during the current academic year (usually May or June) is eligible to submit an application for the Scholarship provide they meet ALL of the requirements of the Program:

1. Applicant must be a legal resident of Northampton Township, Bucks County, PA at the time that application is submitted and at the time that applicant graduates from high school.
2. Applicant must be planning to attend a post-high school educational program at an accredited school or facility (academic, technical, trade) in the academic year immediately following High School graduation.
3. Applicant must submit an essay as outlined below.

**Application Process - Submission, Rules, Judging Criteria:**

Eligible High School Students must adhere to the rules outlined. Any Applicant whose submission does not conform to ALL requirements will be disqualified.

1. Eligible Applicants may obtain their Application Materials from their High School Guidance Office, the Northampton Township Republican Committee or the Committee's website ([www.northamptongop.org](http://www.northamptongop.org)), or any other source provided that they use the official materials for the current Academic Year.
2. The APPLICATION FORM must be filled completely and ALL requested information provided. All instructions must be followed.
3. Specific Essay Assignment:
  - a. The assignment (question, topic, etc.) is contained at the TOP of this Page 2.
  - b. All essays must be a minimum of 500 words but should not exceed 600 words. Finished essays must be "typed" using Calibri, Arial, Arial Narrow, or Times Roman 12pt font double spaced.
  - c. All essays must address the topic fully. Typically, a topic will ask for an understanding of a concept and/or require the Applicant to take a position and defend their stance.
  - d. Plagiarism is not tolerated and any evidence of plagiarism shall immediately disqualify the Applicant from award.
4. Criteria for Judging:
  - a. All materials must be submitted as requested, in the form and format indicated, and **received on or before the March 31st Deadline**.
  - b. Content of the Essay will be judged as follows:
    - 40% - Basis of Argument - Evidence of critical thinking and logical conclusions
    - 40% - Knowledge of Topic - Evidence of research, exploratory investigation
    - 20% - Grammar, prose and writing style.
  - c. Decisions of the Judges are final.
5. Submitting your Application & Essay:
  - a. The Applications and Contest Materials shall be submitted in an anonymous interior envelope Marked "NTRC Excellence In Government & Citizenship Application". There shall be no identifying marks or other indications as to the identity of the Applicant on this interior envelope or on any contents of the envelope.
  - b. The Applicant shall complete all information on the Applicant Form. THE APPLICANT FORM IS NOT TO BE SEALED IN THE INTERIOR ENVELOPE! The interior envelope is to be sealed and placed into an exterior envelope along with the APPLICANT FORM and mailed to the address shown on the top of PAGE 1.

**Award(s) & Recognition**

By May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Scholarship Committee will complete its judging. The following Schedule approximates dates for finalization of award(s):

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Notification via email and letter to Winner(s) and their respective School

May 11<sup>th</sup> - Verification by School of Winner(s)' expected graduation

May 16<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation of Award(s) and date of School Presentation (if any)

May 23<sup>th</sup> - Press Release announcing Winner(s)

OPTIONAL BASED ON HIGH SCHOOL'S Policies: Presentation of Award at School's Award Program.

**Additional Terms & Conditions**

By submitting an Application Form and/or essay, the Applicant agrees to surrender all rights of ownership in any said materials and explicitly authorizes the Program Committee to use such materials as it sees fit for any lawful purpose. Further, the Applicant explicitly authorizes the use of their name and likeness by the Program Committee for any lawful purposes. The Applicant releases the Program Committee, the NTRC, its officers, directors, members, affiliates, heirs, successors and assigns from any claim arising out of the Applicant's participation in this Scholarship Contest. The Judges and Program Committee may change any rule they deem appropriate at any time to facilitate its judging process, solely at its discretion.