



Black Swamp Bucks Scholarship Program

Black Swamp Bucks is a local non-profit conservation organization dedicating our resources to the betterment of the white-tailed deer and its environment. Our purpose is to raise funds in support of:

- Educational programs
- Habitat conservation
- Preservation of the hunting tradition for the direct benefit of the white-tailed deer and other wildlife

In support of our youth, the Black Swamp Bucks will award one \$2,000.00 and three or more \$1,000.00 scholarships. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Students should be High School seniors with a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Students must be pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Students must support the preservation of the hunting tradition. A copy of their current hunting license is required.
- Students must be involved in school activities such as, but not limited to: (FFA, Band, Choir, Athletics, Student Council, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Annual Staff etc.)
- Students must demonstrate leadership ability amongst their peers.
- Student must demonstrate leadership and/or involvement in their community such as, but not limited to: (Scouting, 4-H, Civic Groups or Clubs, Volunteer Work)
- Students must submit an essay exhibiting dedication to conservation (see application)
- Two letters of recommendation must be attached to the application by a teacher, counselor, employer, community leader or pastor.
- Student must submit complete application no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2026, to the Black Swamp Bucks Scholarship Chairperson:

**Pat Garlock
17417 Eagle Twp. Rd. 70
Jenera, OH 45841**

The local chapter committee members will review and verify that the submissions meet or exceed the eligibility requirements. Scholarship winners are asked to attend our annual banquet to accept their awards. Scholars and their parents attend FREE. Our banquet is scheduled (see below):

**Black Swamp Bucks Annual Banquet
Saturday, April 11, 2026
3:00pm Social Hour Begins / 5:30pm Dinner
@ The CUBE - 3430 N. Main St., Findlay, OH**

Part 1: Applicant Information (please type or print)

Today's Date: ____/____/____

Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: (____) ____ - _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Name of Parent/Guardian with whom you reside:

Telephone #: (____) ____ - _____

Part 2: School Information

High School _____ Expected Graduation Date: ____/____/____

College Preference:

Major Area of Study:

Part 3: Extracurricular Activities

List memberships in school related organizations (i.e., Honor Society, FFA, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, Band, Choir, Annual Staff etc.)

List elected leadership positions held in high school:

List any activity that demonstrates community leadership and/or involvement (i.e., Scouts, 4-H, Civic Groups or Clubs, volunteer work etc.)

List any awards received for school or community involvement:

List job experience:

Part 4: Essay

On a Separate sheet of paper, write a brief essay to describe what hunting means to you and/or your family. Include: Why you would be a good investment if you are awarded this scholarship. Any experiences which demonstrate your dedication to conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage. Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed two pages.

Part 5: Letters of Reference

Two letters of reference from teachers, counselors, community leaders or clergy (do not include relatives).

Part 6: Required Enclosures

Complete applications must include the required documents:

- Official, sealed transcripts
- Copy of current hunting license

Part 7: Counselor or Principal Signature and Stats

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (un-weighted) _____

If your school does not use a 4.0 scale, please calculate and convert GPA to a 4.0 scale.

Applicant's rank in graduation class: _____ out of _____ (total number in class)

Official sealed transcripts are required.

Signature of Guidance Counselor or Principal

Date: _____/_____/_____

Part 8: Signature

By signing this form, I hereby grant the Black Swamp Bucks the right to use my name with press releases or publications. I also certify that I have read and meet the eligibility requirements for this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____/_____/_____