



North Carolina Wrestling Association for Youth (NCWAY) takes pleasure in offering the “Founders Scholarship.” This program is available to graduating high school seniors who qualify for and are selected to receive this award.

“Our Founders Scholarship Fund seeks to ensure the stability and future of wrestling in the State of North Carolina — and to provide tomorrow’s leaders an opportunity to succeed in the classroom and on the mat.” Billy Roach, Founding Member

Creating Opportunity

The heart of our mission is to boost educational opportunities for young men and women seeking to wrestle in college. The Founders Scholarship Fund was established to provide one-time grants to outstanding student-athletes who are graduating from North Carolina high schools and intend to wrestle at the collegiate level. Beginning in 2021, we are awarding five \$1,000 scholarships. Winners will be chosen by our scholarship committee based upon merit.

Application Deadline

MAY 1, 2026 - This includes all required items to be uploaded in application including a profile image (if selected this image will be used on our website).

“By creating opportunity for more to pursue higher academic and athletic achievement, we hope to keep more North Carolina wrestlers involved in the sport, both now and for years to come. They are our bright future.” Jacob Ceparano, Founding Member

Scholarship Requirements

- ❑ The applicant must be a current member of NCWAY and must have participated in the program the previous year.
- ❑ Applicants must be a graduating high school senior and must be admitted to a wrestling program at the college they will attend.
- ❑ Proof of High School GPA: Minimum high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- ❑ Essay: Applicants In 500 words or more, please tell us how Wrestling has impacted your character and ability to achieve your goals on and off the mat.

Selection Process

A committee has been established to review applications and select recipients.

- Judging is based on the merits of each applicant's information.
- Each application is reviewed separately and judged strictly on the merits for each category. Applications are not compared to each other during the judging process.
- After selections are made, we will immediately send notices to all student applicants to let them know if they are a recipient or not.

Application Deadline: MAY 1, 2026 - This includes all required items (application, copy of transcript, essay, and profile image (if selected this image may be used on our website and social media outlets)).

Our very best wishes to all who apply!

NCWAY Founders Scholarship Application

1. Name: _____

2. Permanent Address: _____

3. Phone Number: _____

4. Date of Birth: _____

5. Name of High School: _____

6. Expected Date of Graduation: _____

7. College you will attend: _____

8. High School Coach Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Additional Student Information

Please list any Scholastic Honors: _____

School and/or Community Organizations and Activities:
