

The Neuse Ryder Cup Overview of Scholarship Application

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The Neuse Ryder Cup scholarships honor the achievements of **Clayton High School Seniors** who have demonstrated an ability to achieve a positive impact in both their academic and extracurricular experience while attending high school. Selection criteria are focused on the following components:

- Academic Achievement
- School, Community, Athletic or other extracurricular activities
- Work History

Note: *These are not listed in order of importance.*

The Neuse Ryder Cup

Started in 2000, The Neuse Ryder Cup is a golf competition focused on sportsmanship, pride and community activity. The event is modeled after the International Ryder Cup tournament. No money is won but tremendous pride and excitement are generated in the effort to win the prized Neuse Ryder Cup. Over three days and 72 holes of golf this event pits Southern and Northern born golfers against each other in head to head battles. The event provided over **\$5,000 in scholarship dollars in 2003, \$10,000 in 2004, \$11,000 in 2005, \$14,000 in 2006, \$15,000.00 in 2007, \$14,000.00 in 2008, \$12,000.00 in 2009, \$12,000.00 in 2010, and \$12,000.00 in 2011.**

Guidelines / Eligibility

- Eligibility is limited to students graduating from Clayton High School. Students must be in their final year of high school which for this application is the spring of 2012. In addition, students applying must be planning to attend either a two or four year college or university in the fall of 2012.
- Each year one of the Neuse Ryder Cup Scholarships awarded will be given in the name of "The Derrick Smith Memorial Neuse Ryder Cup Scholarship" - students applying must be planning to attend either a two year Technical or Community College in the fall of 2012.
- In order to qualify for the scholarship students must send in a **100%** completed application with all requested documentation. If Applications are not complete, they will not be eligible. Original materials will not be returned.
- All applicants meeting the requirements will have their applications reviewed by The Neuse Scholarship Committee. The Committee will select scholarship recipients based on their application, transcript and references.
- The number of scholarships awarded may vary based on the number of applicants. If no qualified applicants apply, no scholarships will be awarded.
- Past award amounts have varied and are determined by the selection committee on a yearly basis. The minimum scholarship amount will be \$500.

- Once the awarded student(s) are accepted at the college or university of their choice, they must provide a copy of their acceptance letter.

Applicants that receive a Full Scholarship to their school of choice will not be eligible for a Neuse Ryder Cup Scholarship.

To Apply

- Complete the application form and sign the acknowledgement
- Provide an official transcript of your academic record
- Provide all required documents as requested

DEADLINE: Applications must be returned to the Clayton Guidance Counselors office by April 1st, 2012.

Application Form

Name in Full:

First	Middle	Last
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Home Address:

Street	City	State	Zip
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Contact Information:

Area School Phone Number	Guidance Counselor
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Are you currently completing the final year of high school? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

What type of post high school educational facility are you planning to attend?

2-YR _____ **4-YR** _____

I am planning to attend the following post high school educational facility

First Choice

Name of School	Name of Program Applied for
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Second Choice

Name of School	Name of Program Applied for
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Third Choice

Name of School	Name of Program Applied for
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Has the appropriate / required application process for the above schools been completed? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Have you been accepted by one of the schools listed above? **Yes** ____ **No** ____
If so please include a copy of your acceptance letter.

Please answer the following questions completely and thoroughly. Should you need more space you are encouraged to submit your responses on separate paper.

Career / Occupational Goals

List up to three careers or occupations you are considering in order of preference. What steps have you taken or do you intend to take, to meet these career goals. If you need more space, you may attach a separate typewritten sheet.

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____

I have submitted additional documentation: **Yes** ____ **No** ____

Academic Achievement

Write a brief essay explaining how you were able to either maintain a high GPA, or what you did to improve your GPA over your school history. Focus either on lessons learned that forced you to make changes in your study habits, or on the main reasons behind your drive to maintain high standards in your grades. If you need more space, you may attach a separate typewritten sheet.

I have submitted additional documentation: **Yes** ____ **No** ____

Extracurricular Activities

List the school, community, athletic or other extracurricular activities that you have been actively involved with in high school. Describe how you have grown as a person because of these experiences. Keep the list focused on the major activities you were involved with and explain why you spent more of your time and effort in these specific areas. If you need more space, you may attach a separate typewritten sheet.

I have submitted additional documentation: **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Work History

List your work history during your high school career and the reason for working in each position. Additionally, provide a written overview of the lessons you learned from working while balancing your drive to remain successful in high school. If you have not worked during school career, please explain why. If you need more space, you may attach a separate typewritten sheet.

I have submitted additional documentation: **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Personal Reference(s)

Please provide a **minimum of one reference letters** from an individual who can speak to your accomplishments in one of the selection criteria areas. Provide the name of the individual below:

Name of Reference	Relationship	Phone Number
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Acknowledgement

I certify that all the information provided on this application form and in all the accompanying documents is true accurate and complete and further give permission for any member of The Neuse Scholarship Committee to contact the references listed above.

Name (print)	Signature	Date
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