



# AIM Scholarship Program

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# JOURNALISM

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



**Applications are to be received by July 1, 2026**

## INTRODUCTION

The Amateur Trapshooting Association would like to present scholarship opportunities to its members enrolled in the AIM Program. In the spirit of promoting AIM through news media, the journalism scholarship has been created. The ATA and Trap & Field will offer one scholarship for journalism.

This application is for the Trap & Field Journalism Scholarship. Shooters who are extremely dedicated to journalism and communication in the shooting sports industry should apply for this scholarship.

## INSTRUCTIONS

To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must meet all criteria set forth in the required qualifications section as well as complete all core requirements. Applicants are to complete a minimum of seven elective requirements. Applicants are to provide the appropriate documentation as listed in both the core and elective requirements sections.

## AWARDS

The winner of this award will receive a \$2,000 USD Scholarship. Applicants must provide letter of acceptance or provide ATA with proof of matriculation at an accredited college or university.

## CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact AIM: 618-449-2224 | [aim@shootata.com](mailto:aim@shootata.com)

**Send your complete application and supporting documents by July 1, 2026 to:**

Amateur Trapshooting Association

Attn: AIM Scholarships

PO Box 519

Sparta, IL 62286

## REQUIRED QUALIFICATION

Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.2

## CORE REQUIREMENTS

1. Be a current member of the ATA and AIM between 16 and 22 years of age.

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Be a current Member of an ATA member Club.

Club \_\_\_\_\_

3. Shoot 300 registered targets. *Attach list of dates and locations.*
4. Attach an essay "How has shooting affected my life."
5. Attach three letters of reference, including one from your coach or another ATA member and one from a teacher.
6. Attach a copy of a current school transcript.

## ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS

1. Be a member of the National Honor Society or similar honor society/fraternity. *Attach a copy of certificate or obtain a statement and the signature of the teacher/professor who oversees the Society/Fraternity.*
2. Be named to the Honor Roll or Dean's List. *Attach certificate or statement and signature of appropriate school official, or newspaper article.*
3. Have an ACT Composite Score of 22 or higher or an SAT total score of 1020 or higher. *Attach test score.*
4. Have been a student member of high school newspaper, e-letter, newsletter, yearbook or school anthology.

*Provide letter from faculty advisor.*

5. Provide published samples of work from school publications, church publications, local newspapers, newsletters or web newsletters/magazines. *(three minimum)*
6. Provide samples of unpublished writing: fiction, non-fiction, essays, themes, or other school project papers or speeches. *(three minimum)*
7. Have completed a yearbook class or been a member of a journalism club.
8. Attend and complete a firearm training course. *Attach a copy of the certificate of completion or obtain statement and signature of instructor.*
9. Attend or volunteer at an NRA/ATA Trap Camp. *Attendees attach credentials, volunteers obtain statement and signature from course instructor.*
10. Complete a state sponsored hunter education course. *Attach copy of certificate of completion or obtain statement and signature of instructor.*
11. Participate in a shooting or hunting clinic. *Attach the subject of the course, the dates attended, the sponsoring organization as well as obtain statement and signature of instructor.*
12. Visit the Trapshooting Hall of Fame Museum, National Firearms Museum, or another museum which features fire arm displays. *Attach the name and location of the museum, the dates visited and a statement and signature of the museum staff.*
13. Be a member of an AIM Trap Team.

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Coach \_\_\_\_\_

14. Have completed an accredited internship through your university. *Attach statement and signature of supervisor.*
15. A class rank in the top 20%. *Attach supporting documentation or obtain statement and signature of appropriate school representative.*

**This scholarship will be awarded at the 2026 AIM Grand Championships July 23 - 27, 2026.**

Do you plan on being in attendance at this year's AIM Grand Championships? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that the above and attached information is accurate, correct and valid. Further, I certify that the requirements for the Journalism Scholarship Award were completed in accordance with the rules and instructions provided on this application.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please retain a copy of your application and supporting documents for your own records.**

**All scholarship funds will expire three (3) years from date of being awarded, unless proof of enrollment is received.**

