



## 2026 North Carolina Watermelon Association Bunch & Etheridge Memorial Scholarship

The North Carolina Watermelon Association is pleased to support youth with an interest in agriculture through the Bunch & Etheridge Memorial Scholarship. A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to qualified applicants for 2026.

### Procedures

Scholarship application forms may be obtained by contacting (see below) or online at [ncmelons.com](http://ncmelons.com):

North Carolina Watermelon Association

PO Box 158 ▪ Angier, NC 27501

Phone: 336.583.9630 ▪ Email: [ncwatermelon1975@gmail.com](mailto:ncwatermelon1975@gmail.com)

Google form link: <https://forms.gle/8bbHK21rqPghtmEV8>

Applications should be postmarked and mailed to the Angier office no later than **December 1, 2025**. Upon receipt, the applications will be reviewed by the Bunch & Etheridge Scholarship Committee. Winners will be selected by February 1, 2026. A check will be awarded to the recipient's college or university after he/she presents evidence of enrollment as a full-time student in accordance with the guidelines. In the event that the winner fails to meet enrollment requirements by September 30, 2026 the award will be forfeited.

### Qualifications

1. Applicant must be a North Carolina high school senior enrolling in a college/university for undergraduate studies in the fall of 2026. Your intended major must be agriculture or related to agriculture (i.e. agronomy, ag education, horticulture, forestry, aquaculture, animal science, ag business, ag economics, ag engineering, etc.).
2. A copy of the applicant's high school transcripts must accompany the completed application form.

### Instructions

Completely answer all application questions. Submit application along with essay, high school transcript and two letters of reference. (Letters may be emailed to [ncwatermelon1975@gmail.com](mailto:ncwatermelon1975@gmail.com) or mailed to the North Carolina Watermelon Association, PO Box 158, Angier, NC 27501.)

**December 1, 2025** is the absolute deadline for mailing application, essay, transcript and reference letters. Materials postmarked after this date will disqualify application from consideration.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Biographical Background**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ FFA \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of College/University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are intended to provide added insight into the applicant's personal experiences. No applicant will be discriminated against on the basis of personal relations, nor on the basis of race, sex or religion.

Parents (Guardians) \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you reside: farm          rural          suburban area          urban area \_\_\_\_\_

If on a farm, what crops / livestock are grown or produced?  
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**Briefly summarize your experiences related to North Carolina Agriculture.**

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**List associations and clubs of which you are currently a member:**

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**Describe involvement current and past (including leadership positions held, honors and awards earned) for the following:**

**4-H, FFA and other Ag organizations**

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**School organizations**

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**Church & Civic Groups**

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**ESSAY**

**\*\*Required: Write a short ESSAY on a separate page explaining why you deserve this scholarship and how you will be involved with agriculture in the future.**

**Application Submission Check List - Deadline: December 1, 2025**

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Or email to: [ncwatermelon1975@gmail.com](mailto:ncwatermelon1975@gmail.com)

- Application form
- Essay
- High School Transcript
- 2 Personal References Letters