

**INTRODUCTION**

The Willie Lee Bjorge Exploring Scholarship program offers one, or more, \$1,000 scholarship to active Explorers in Northern Star Council. The recipient is selected from a pool of eligible high school seniors and above who are presently involved in Exploring and who submit this application.

The Scholarship winner(s) is/are selected by a volunteer committee of community leaders, and selection is based upon the criteria noted below. The scholarship may be applied to tuition and books at the college, junior college, vocational college or trade school of the winner's choice. Application forms, along with all additional materials we request, must be completed in full and included for an applicant to be considered (incomplete applications will not be considered).

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**SELECTION CRITERIA**

The youth(s) who is/are chosen to receive the \$1,000 scholarship:

- Be a high school senior preparing to enter a college, junior college, or vocational school in the fall of 2020 or be currently enrolled in a college, junior college, or vocational school in the fall of 2020.
  - Currently registered in the Exploring program, Northern Star Council, with a minimum of one year participation in Exploring.
  - Have demonstrated an interest in career exploration through participating in the Exploring Program.
  - Had demonstrated leadership ability in Exploring and a strong record of participation in school or community activities.
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**INSTRUCTION CHECKLIST**

When filling out the application form, we recommend that you:

- Read the entire application form first.
- Type or print in black ink.

Besides the application below, please include the following:

- **Letter of Recommendation**---*Ask an adult member of your Exploring post to write a personal letter of recommendation. This letter of recommendation must be included with your completed application form. We encourage you to include letters of recommendation from other sources.*
- **High School or College Transcript**--*You will need to include your high school transcript that covers six semesters. If you are college- or junior college-bound, you will also need to include SAT or ACT test scores.*
- **Essay**—*Write a brief essay (no more than 1 page) that responds to the following statement: The Exploring program has been important for me and this is why. Your signature on this statement confirms that the essay is written in your own words.*

- This is a dated application form.

Completed applications **must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2020**. Send to: Northern Star Scouting, Willy Lee Bjorge Scholarship Committee, Attn: Brian Swerine, 6202 Bloomington Road, Fort Snelling, MN 55111.

This application is the property of the Northern Star Council Exploring Scholarship Committee. It will not be returned to the applicant. The recipient will be informed of the committee's decision in early April, 2020.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON YOU**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian and daytime work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Information on your involvement in Exploring:

Date you joined Exploring: \_\_\_\_\_

Post #: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership positions you held in Exploring (list all officer positions first)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Description of your participation in your post (use additional sheets if necessary)  
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Your favorite Exploring activity or event (use additional sheets if necessary)  
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**INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, GRADES AND TEST SCORES**

Name of your high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your high-school principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Your current ranking in your class: My ranking is \_\_\_\_\_ in a class size of \_\_\_\_\_

Your SAT score and/or your ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_ percentile ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Activities**

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Dates involved \_\_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Dates involved \_\_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Dates involved \_\_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Activities**

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Dates involved \_\_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Dates involved \_\_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Your post high school education or training plans - Schools to which you are applying:  
*(please include school name, location and estimated cost per year)*

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\_\_\_\_\_

Your career or job goals. *(note the job or career that interests you most):*

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## **INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION**

Do you expect to receive other financial aid grants?

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If so, please list the names and amounts:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

On your own, how much money have you saved to apply toward your further education:  
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List the jobs you have held in the past two years: *(List the most recent jobs first)*

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Months worked: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount earned: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Before putting this application form in an envelope, be sure that you have included the following:**

- **Your high school transcript showing six semesters.**
- **SAT or ACT scores (copies are acceptable)**
- **A letter of recommendation from an Exploring leader.**
- **Your personal letter responding to the question of why the Exploring program has been important for you. *Note: This letter must be signed by you.***

### YOUR SIGNATURE

On my honor, as an Explorer, the information in this document and the accompanying materials is true

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Exploring applicant Date

I have read the completed scholarship form. I agree that the information contained within is accurate and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian Date

Your application packet must postmarked no later than **March 1, 2020**. *Remember late entrants will not be eligible for consideration.*

*If you have questions about the Scholarship program, your eligibility, the questions on the application form or the criteria, please call Brian Swerine, 612-236-7475..*

**Mail to:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or** **Scan all 5 parts and email to:**

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