

PHEASANTS



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The Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship

The Livingston County Pheasants Forever chapter is proud to announce the establishment of the Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship. Up to three \$500 scholarships will be available for graduating seniors pursuing post high school educations. The scholarships are open to all students graduating from a high school in Livingston County.

Established in 1985, the Livingston County Pheasants Forever chapter remains a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of upland wildlife through local habitat projects, public awareness, education, and land management programs. Emphasis for the Livingston County chapter remains with the local youth and ensuring the perpetuation of wildlife conservation in the future.

In keeping with the loyalty to our youth, we are pleased to announce up to three **\$500** scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors of the 2019-2020 school year.

Criteria for the granting of these scholarship awards will be based upon the following:

- **Documentation of C+ or better GPA.**
- **Involvement in hunting or interest in wildlife conservation)**
- **Involvement in extracurricular activities (school or other)**
- **Community Service.**
- **Must be a United States citizen and graduating from a high school in Livingston County**
- **Completed scholarship application and essay.**

Completed applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2020 for consideration. The Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship committee will determine the final selection of award recipients. This committee will be comprised of members of the Livingston County Pheasants Forever chapter.

Applications are available at your high school guidance counselor office or by contacting the Livingston County Pheasants Forever chapter. Questions or inquiries can be made to the chapter via email at: darrenkoehl@hotmail.com

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship
c/o Darren Koehl—Scholarship Chairman
6246 N 2600 E Rd
Forrest, IL 61741

Applicant Activities, Services, & Work Experiences: (to be completed by applicant)

High School Activities: (sports, band, choir, clubs, etc...)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Years Participated</u>	<u>Awards, Honors, Positions Held</u>

Community and Volunteer Service: (church, charity, etc...)

<u>Activity or Service</u>	<u>Hours/week</u>	<u>Awards, Honors, Positions Held</u>

Work/Employment Experience:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Hours/week</u>	<u>Position Held</u>

Outdoor Related Interests/Activities: (hunting, conservation affiliations, etc...)

<u>Activity/Interest</u>	<u>Years Participated</u>	<u>Awards, Honors, Positions Held</u>

Additional information may be included on the reverse side of this page or applicants may provide separate inserts listing their educational and extracurricular activities. Applicants whom feel they are strongly deserving of this award for reasons other than those listed in this application should include reasons why in a separate letter to the scholarship committee.

Applicant Signature:

To the best of my knowledge, I certify that all of the information contained in this application is correct.

Signature:

Date:

Applicant Essay:

Essay Instructions:

In no more than 500 words, please compose an essay on the topic below. This essay must be typed on white paper using 12 point font, Times New Roman or Arial type font is recommended. The applicants name should be located on the top of the essay. Plagiarized material will result in the disqualification of the applicant from the entire scholarship selection process.

Essay Topic:

What is the single most critical factor necessary for sustaining upland wildlife populations today and into the future?

Guidance Counselors: (To be completed by counselor or school official only)

1. Provide a copy of the student's most up to date high school records/grades.
2. Complete the information requested in the boxes seen below.
3. Sign certification statement and provide contact information below.

I certify that all the information on this form is correct and that the high school records enclosed are official documents representing this student's performance.

Counselor's Signature

Counselor's Printed Name

Counselor's Office Phone Number

Rank In Class	
Class Size	
ACT Score (comp)	
SAT Verbal	
SAT Math	

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Scholarship Application Guidelines

PURPOSE:

The Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship was established to recognize and provide financial reward to up to three outstanding high school seniors who plan to attend an institution of higher learning. With an emphasis on promoting a wide array of outdoor traditions, this scholarship program looks to recognize students who will become stewards of future conservation efforts.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligibility to apply for the Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship includes a graduating high school senior that plans to attend an institution of higher learning and demonstrates participation in a wide array of extracurricular activities. Eligible students must be graduating from a high school in Livingston County.

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

The Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to up to three graduating high school seniors. Scholarships are non-renewable in the amount of \$500 per recipient. Award will be based on scholastic achievements, extra-curricular activities, community service, work experience, and completion of an essay on the assigned topic. Award will be made payable to the educational institution the recipient will be attending.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS:

Recipients of the Neil Knauer Memorial Scholarship will be selected by committee members of the Livingston County Pheasants Forever chapter. Preferential consideration will be given to applicants who may currently be national Pheasants Forever members or have affiliation with other outdoor organizations. Further preferential consideration will be given to applicants who will be attending a public university or community college in Illinois.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

Scholarship funds will be dispersed during the month of July. Checks are only made payable to the educational institution that the recipient will be attending.

SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS:

Scholarship application questions should be directed to the Livingston County Pheasants Forever chapter via email to darrenkoehl@hotmail.com. Completed applications must be postmarked by **February 28, 2020**. Scholarship applications should be mailed to:

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