



Wilmington Road Runners Scholarship Application | 2026

Dear Student-Athlete,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the **2026 Wilmington Road Runners Club (WRRRC) Scholarship Award**. Scholarships will be granted to applicants who best meet the eligibility and selection criteria listed below. The total value of the 2026 awards will remain the same as recent years. WRRRC will award **two \$3,000 first-place scholarships** and **four \$1,500 runner-up scholarships**, divided equally between boys and girls.

All applications and coach references must be received **on or before Friday, March 20, 2026**. Coach references must be submitted with your application

Applications will be reviewed by the **WRRRC Scholarship Committee**, and scholarship recipients, as well as their coaches, will be notified in **mid-April**.

WRRRC will coordinate with each winner's high school to present the award at **senior awards night** or a similar event.

Important: Due to tax regulations, WRRRC cannot issue scholarship funds directly to students; all awards must be paid to the student's attending institution by the WRRRC Treasurer (Deb Oliver). Please note that some colleges, particularly Ivy leagues and those using need-based financial aid, may adjust their aid packages when students receive outside scholarships "scholarship displacement". Applicants are encouraged to contact their chosen college's financial aid office to understand how outside scholarships are handled.



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Submission Instructions

1. **Save your completed application** using the following file name format:
firstname_lastname_school
(Example: *Tom_Smith_Laney*)
2. **Email your completed applications, coach reference and any questions to:**
wrrcscholarship@gmail.com
WRRRC will send an acknowledgement of receipt once your application has been logged.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet *all* of the following requirements:

- Be a high school senior or otherwise graduation-eligible at a school located in Brunswick, Pender, or New Hanover Counties, North Carolina.
- Be a current or former member of their high school's cross country and/or track team.
- Plan to continue running at any level after high school, including recreationally.
- Have not accepted, and do not plan to accept, a full athletic or full academic scholarship from a college or university.
- Provide a supporting letter of reference from their coach.

Selection Criteria

The Scholarship Committee will consider:

- Participation in high school cross country and/or track events.
- Involvement in extracurricular activities and service to the broader community.
- Demonstrated leadership within the school's running program.
- Clear intention to continue running in the future.
- Strength and insight of the coach's letter of reference.

Note: GPA and financial need are not factors in the selection process.



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First name:

Last name:

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

Gender: Female () Male () Other ()

Contact Email address:

Contact Phone Number:

Please list owner's name & relation to you if not your own

High school(s):

Please list current and former high schools

How many years have you been an active member of your current high school XC and/or track team?

Chosen College (If currently known):

If you have plans to defer college entry please also explain plans here as this will also defer payment of any scholarship award from WRRRC.

College ID (If currently known):

Current XC or Track Coach:

Coach's Email Address:

Coach that will provide a supporting reference (if different from the name above):

Coach's Email Address:



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Application Questions: Write in sufficient detail to allow your achievements to be adequately assessed.

1. Provide an overview of all extra-curricular activities that have taken up your time during high school. Please list the activity with a description of your role and the years in which you participated in those activities.

2. Describe a situation where your leadership on your track or XC team made a significant impact for other team members, or your entire student body. (essay question: 500-1000 words)

3. What was your most memorable running event performance and why?

4. How do you envisage participating in the sport of running in the future? (recreationally or competitively)

Disclaimer

I acknowledge that by submitting this application, I am releasing WRRRC, their respective agents, directors, board members, scholarship committee members and other affiliates (collectively releases) from liability. I further acknowledge that I agree in advance to accept the findings of the committee and will respect their final decision regarding allocation of scholarship funds. I fully attest to the accuracy of information submitted and any information found to be false and unable to be verified may result in disqualification from award consideration. Further, I understand that any scholarship monies awarded may be rescinded by the recipient, if any information is discovered to be false. I am of at least 18 years of age and aware that this is a release of liability and an agreement between myself, my legal guardian and WRRRC.

Print Name:

Initial :

Guardian (if under 18):

Initial (if under 18):