

Endorsement Information for High School Officials

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

NC State is one of the nation's most dynamic research universities with an enrollment of more than 32,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The campus is located in Raleigh, the capital of North Carolina, only a few hours away from the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains and picturesque beaches. NC State offers more than 110 bachelor's degree programs in science, education, liberal arts, agriculture, business, social sciences, computer science, communication and engineering as well as innovative dual degree programs. As a leading research university and land-grant institution, NC State is committed to improving the quality of life for the citizens of North Carolina, the nation, and the world through its research and thriving partnerships with industry and government. For further information, please see WWW.NCSU.EDU.

Roy Park & Park Scholarships

The Park Scholarships are named for the late Roy H. Park, a 1931 NC State alumnus who bequeathed more than 70 percent of his holdings to create the charitable Park Foundation, Inc., dedicated to education, the environment, and other select interests. In 1996, the Park Scholarships were established at NC State with a splendid vision and generous grant from the Park Foundation. Since the inaugural class of 25 scholars, the number of Park Scholars on campus has grown to approximately 200, joined by a growing network of alumni. To date, the Park Foundation has committed more than \$58 million to support the scholarship, establishing a legacy of leadership and service in the spirit of the Park name.

The Park Scholarships program provides a superb educational opportunity for exceptionally talented and well-prepared young men and women to develop leadership skills and commitment to public service, including a four-year scholarship valued at \$80,000 in-state and \$135,000 out-of-state, a computer stipend, and yearly enrichment activities. We will award approximately 50 scholarships this year, with two-thirds to North Carolina residents.

Understanding Park Scholarships and Selection Criteria

- Learn more about the Park Scholarships program by reading the enclosed materials and visiting our website (WWW.NCSU.EDU/PARK_SCHOLARSHIPS), where you may download additional copies of the candidate brochures.
- The Park Scholarships selection committees evaluate applications based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. For full descriptions of the criteria, please see our website.
- The Park Scholarships selection process is one of the most competitive in the nation; last year we received over 1,200 applications and interviewed approximately 230 candidates. Only endorse your most exceptional students based on the selection criteria.
- Your pool of potential endorsees should include all of your best students regardless of their nomination for other scholarships, consideration of other schools, desired major or career, or interest in NC State.
- Only United States citizens who will be first-year students pursuing a bachelor's degree are eligible. Permanent residents are ineligible to apply.
- Endorsements are due **October 1**. The application deadline is **November 1**.

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Determining Whom to Endorse

- Announce the Park Scholarships to your students who demonstrate exceptional potential; invite them to prepare a resume and short personal statement describing their educational pursuits, and leadership and public service activities.
- Establish a Scholarship Committee to review the candidates' educational records, resumes, and personal statements, evaluating them based on the four selection criteria.
- Inform the committee that successful candidates are of the highest caliber in all four selection criteria OR are outstanding in at least one area and show great potential in the others. Candidates with little or no evidence of commitment in one area (e.g., service) or who are outstanding in one area (e.g., scholarship) and do not show great potential in the other areas are generally not competitive.
- Select up to two candidates to endorse. Note that under exceptional circumstances, there may be outstanding students who are not endorsed by their school and may choose to self-endorse by October 25. Please see our website for more information.

Submitting Your Endorsement Online

Create an account at [HTTP://WOLFPAW.NCSU.EDU/COUNSELOR](http://WOLFPAW.NCSU.EDU/COUNSELOR); use the WolfPAW login information provided by Undergraduate Admissions in this mailing. We encourage you to use the checklist below to collect the information that you need to complete your endorsement, especially correct email addresses and transcripts.

Checklist for High School Officials	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Notify your best students about Park Scholarships. Form Scholarship Committee.	Late Aug. – Early Sept.
<input type="checkbox"/> Collect resumes and personal statements from candidates; forward to Scholarship Committee for review.	Mid September
<input type="checkbox"/> Select up to two students to endorse; meet with them to discuss their next steps. <input type="checkbox"/> Give each student a 'Park Scholarships' brochure and 'Time-Sensitive Actions' sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> Have them write down their email addresses here. Please verify accuracy. Endorsee Name _____ Email _____ Endorsee Name _____ Email _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Offer to assist them in selecting recommenders who know them well and can provide strong letters of support with specific examples . Write down the names of their recommenders for your reference. Endorsee Name _____ Recommenders _____ Endorsee Name _____ Recommenders _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage them to begin their applications and essay responses early, and review with you or others PRIOR to submission. <input type="checkbox"/> Inform them the last test dates that will be reported to NC State in time for Park Scholarships consideration are September (ACT) and October (SAT). Official SAT scores (College Board Code #5496) and/or ACT Plus Writing scores (ACT Code #3164) must be sent directly from the testing agency to NC State.	Late September
<input type="checkbox"/> Endorse your candidates in the Counselor Portal at HTTP://WOLFPAW.NCSU.EDU/COUNSELOR	No later than October 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow up with candidates to make sure they received application instructions via email and have begun the application, including entering the names and email addresses of their recommenders.	By October 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Print out a 'Transcript Request Form' found on the Counselor Portal, and mail it along with 1 transcript to Park Scholarships within 2 business days after submitting your endorsement. We will share it with Undergraduate Admissions.	No later than October 5