



**APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 1st, 2026**

## Introduction

The Amateur Trapshooting Association would like to present scholarship opportunities to its members enrolled in the AIM Program. In the spirit of AIM, three separate and equally important scholarships have been elected. The ATA will offer one scholarship for each of the following categories: academics, integrity and marksmanship.

This application is for the Academic Scholarship. Shooters who are extremely dedicated to the future of their education should apply for this scholarship.

## Instructions

To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must meet all criteria set forth in the required qualifications section as well as complete all core requirements. Applicants are to complete a **minimum of seven** elective requirements. Applicants are to attach a copy of certificate of completion or obtain a statement and signature from a leader or instructor showing that the requirements have been met.

## Awards

The winner of this award will receive a \$2,500 USD Scholarship. Applicants must provide letter of acceptance or provide ATA with proof of matriculation at an accredited college or university.

## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact AIM: 618-449-2224 / [aim@shootata.com](mailto:aim@shootata.com)  
Complete application and supporting documents must be **POSTMARKED** by July 1, 2026 and sent to:  
Amateur Trapshooting Association  
Attn: AIM Scholarships  
PO Box 519  
Sparta, IL 62286

# REQUIRED QUALIFICATION

Applicants should be able to document a minimum of 35 Hours in Community Service/Volunteer Efforts.

## Core requirements

1. Be a current member of the ATA and AIM between 16 and 22 years of age.  
Member Number \_\_\_\_\_
2. Shoot 500 registered targets in the combined 2025 and 2026 Target Years.  
**Attach list of dates and locations.**
3. Attach an essay "What role has your participation in trapshooting played in you becoming the service oriented person that you are today?"
4. Attach three letters of reference, including one from your coach or another ATA Member and one from a teacher.

## Elective Requirements

1. Be a member of an AIM Trap Team.  
Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Coach \_\_\_\_\_
2. Participate or serve as a volunteer at an ATA State Championship, Zone Shoot, or Satellite Grand.  
**Attach Tournament Name and Date.**
3. Participate or serve as a volunteer at the Grand American  
Year \_\_\_\_\_
4. Attend or volunteer at an NRA/ATA Trap Camp.  
**Attendees attach credentials, volunteers obtain statement and signature of Instructor.**
5. Participate in a wildlife conservation or Hunters for the Hungry Program.  
**Attach the Subject of the course, the dates attended, the sponsoring organization as well as obtain statement and signature of instructor.**
6. Be a member of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venturing, FFA, DeMolay, Royal Rangers, or similar organization.  
**Attach name of organization and obtain statement and signature of leader.**
7. Participate in a Boy Scout, Venturing, 4-H, FFA, DeMolay, Royal Rangers, National High School Rodeo Association or other recognized youth shooting program.  
**Attach name of organization, dates of participation, as well as obtain statement and signature of leader.**
8. Have been on a Mission Trip or trip of similar nature.  
**Attach sponsoring organization, dates of participation, nature of work conducted, as well as obtain statement and signature of leader.**
9. Raise more than \$100 Dollars for a charitable organization or relief effort.  
**Attach name of organization as well as obtain statement and signature of staff member at organization.**

10. Participate in a race/marathon/walk or activity of similar nature for a charitable organization or relief effort.  
**Attach sponsoring organization and dates of participation.**
11. Mentor a new shooter for more than 10 hours.  
**Attach statement from protégé shooter.**
12. Participate in or organize a canned food drive for a charitable organization or similar organization.  
**Attach name of organization as well as obtain statement and signature of staff member at organization.**
13. Volunteer at your local gun club for at least ten hours.  
**Attach hours worked as well as statement and signature of Club Manager.**
14. Hold Current credentials in a Red Cross CPR Class or class of similar nature.  
**Attach credentials.**
15. Be a founder. Have started a team or youth organization.  
**Attach team name or organization as well as statement and signature of coach.**
16. Other: Insert an activity not mentioned on this list.  
**Attach appropriate documentation and signatures. Subject to approval by Judges.**

This scholarship will be awarded at the 2026 AIM Grand Championships July 23-27, 2026.

Do you plan on being in attendance at this years AIM Grand Championships?  Yes  No

I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that the above and attached information is accurate, correct and valid. Further, I certify that the requirements for the AIM Academic Scholarship Award were completed in accordance with the rules and instructions provided on this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please retain a copy of your application and supporting documents for your own records.**

**All scholarship funds will expire three (3) years from date of awarded, unless proof of enrollment is received.**

