

AIM Scholarship Program

Academic Scholarship Application



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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 criterion 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 provide the appropriate documentation as listed in both the core and elective requirements sections.

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
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

Only Shooters who have an average of 90% or higher are eligible to participate. Average will be comprised of all ATA registered targets shot across all disciplines for 2025 and 2026 target years.

Core requirements

1. Be a current member of the ATA and AIM between 16 and 22 years of age.
Member Number _____
2. Shoot at least 2000 registered targets in the combined 2025 and 2026 target years.
Attach list of dates and locations.
3. Attach an essay "How have your successes on the trap field shaped you as an individual?"
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. Complete a state sponsored hunter education course.
Attach copy of certificate of completion or obtain statement and signature of Instructor.
6. Participate in a shooting clinic other than ATA/NRA.
Attach the Subject of the course, the dates attended, the sponsoring organization as well as obtain statement and signature of Instructor.
7. Visit the Hall of Fame Museum, National Firearms Museum, or another Museum which features firearm displays.
Attach the name and location of the Museum, the dates visited and obtain a statement and signature of the Museum Staff.
8. Be recognized by the Amateur Trapshooting Association as an All American or AIM All-Star.
Year _____
9. Shoot "100 Straight" at an ATA registered shoot.
Shoot Location _____
Date _____

10. Be a team captain as appointed by your team's coach.
Obtain statement and coach signature.
11. Be featured in *Trap and Field Magazine*.
Attach Issue Date.
12. Shoot 1,000 ATA registered targets.
Check box if you qualify.
13. Have shot ATA registered targets in all three ATA disciplines in 2026.
Check box if you qualify.
14. Won a Championship trophy at a State Shoot, Zone Shoot, Satellite Grand, or the Grand American.
Check box if you qualify.
15. Have won a trophy in the AIM online zone shoot, AIM State Shoot or AIM Grand Championship.
Check box if you qualify.
16. Be a founder. Have started a team or youth organization.
Attach team name or organization and statement and signature of coach.

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.

