

# IOWA BLACK POWDER FEDERATION

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Dear IBPF Members:

Do you have a graduating student in your household? Will you have one next year or in the years to come? Did you know the IBPF supports a scholarship program each year? We do, and I would like to take this opportunity to talk to you through this letter. We even have a plan for people who are out of high school.

First consider your own immediate family. High school and college age students are pretty obvious choices, let me remind you there are no age limitations, so even middle-age person returning to school would qualify as long as it is in our guides lines of an accredited institution of higher education (Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College or University).

Our other guideline is the **participant's parent and/or legal guardian** must be a member of the Iowa Black Powder Federation. Since you are receiving this letter you are a member but consider a grandchild, niece or nephew or other relative or friend. Again, we have a plan; that parent or legal guardian could become an IBPF member for \$26.00 therefore making them eligible for a \$550.00 scholarship. Consider the investment, not only financial but the investment in a student's future.

There are many sites online available to help a person with scholarship essays. We ask you to use the "PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE IOWA BLACK POWDER FEDERATION". While the writer needs to be familiar with the IBPF's preamble, the essay is more about the person writing it. We want to know about the author, their thoughts, their beliefs and their ideas. Think of the essay as writing about yourself, something you know more about than anyone else.

Enclosing a copy (see back side) of the guidelines which are self-explanatory with a copy of the preamble. Thank you for reading this letter and helping us get the word out to our high school students. Essays may be sent to me at address below or to Secretary, Norma Holcomb at address in letterhead.

Sincerely,

*Terry Kamstra*

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## IOWA BLACK POWDER FEDERATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE IOWA BLACK POWDER FEDERATION

We, a group of people with a deep abiding interest in black powder firearms do, band together to form the IOWA BLACK POWDER FEDERATION to promote the safe use of black powder firearms as a means of passing on to the emerging generations a sense of their history and importance in the building of safe, dependable black powder firearms for modern use; and to establish an organization that will provide opportunities for black powder shooters to engage in shooting on a state wide basis.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Participants can be either graduating seniors or students seeking another year of post higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College or University.)

Participants must be pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College or University.)

1. Participants are not required to have previously or currently participated in the black power shooting sports.
2. Participant must submit an essay based on their interpretation of the **“Preamble to the Constitution of the Iowa Black Powder Federation”**.
3. Participant and/or participants parent or legal guardian are not required to live in Iowa but must be a current member of the Iowa black Powder Federation in good standing.
4. Participant must submit completed essay to a member of the IBPF Board of Directors by March 1
5. Members of the IBPF Board of Directors and their families are eligible to participate in this program.

#### **ESSAY:**

1. Write a brief essay based on the participant’s interpretation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the Iowa Black Powder Federation. Essay should be type-written, dated and should not exceed two pages.
2. The Preamble to the Constitution of the Iowa Black Powder Federation is printed at the beginning of this sheet and our website at [www.uiowablackpowderfederattion.net](http://www.uiowablackpowderfederattion.net) and in the enclosed brochure.
3. Please also include the following information: Your name, address, a phone number where you can be reached and your accredited institution of higher education preference,

#### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

1. At the annual spring IBPF meeting (generally held during the month of March) all scholarships program essays will presented to the Board of Directors.
2. At the meeting the Board of Directors will review submitted essays and select a winner or winners that meet the eligibility requirements.

**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:** Each scholarship winner will receive a minimum of \$550.00

**DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:** Students may use their scholarship at any accredited institution of high education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College or University.) The money may be used for tuition, books, fees or housing. the Iowa Black Powder Federation will work with the student and the college financial aid officer in determining the payee when the check is issued. This will ensure the greatest benefit to the recipient and avoid violation of eligibility requirements. This is a one-time award for one year.

**PRESENTATION:** A Member of the Iowa Black Powder Federation Board of Directors or appropriate designee will officially present the scholarship award to the winner.