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Blaine trap team is one of three to earn endowment

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Shooting teams from three Twin Cities-area public schools each received \$20,000 endowment checks from the National Wild Turkey Federation during a presentation at the South St. Paul Gun Club April 7.



Members of the Blaine Trap Shooting team were one of three Minnesota programs to be included in an endowment for the program. File photo

Blaine, Apple Valley and South St. Paul were the three high school programs presented with the endowments which are to be used for equipment, ammunition or travel with the exception of firearms.

Blaine coach Larry Osmek said the booster club has several ideas of how to use the funds including reduced team dues, shells, clay targets, team uniforms or a team shelter to help keep the team out of the sun during the state meet in June.

Each team member pays nearly \$300 for shells, clay targets, a team shirt and registration fee.

More than \$666,000 was given to 33 school shooting teams across the country in 2012 with the money coming from a partnership between the NWTF and Midway USA Foundation called the Scholastic Shooting Trust endowment.

Enrollment in the Blaine team continues to rise, according to Osmek. So far the team has grown to 70 students, 45 returning from last year and 25 first-timers.

The Minnesota State High School Clay Target League has 114 teams representing 195 schools and 3,400 athletes – double over the last year – in the 2013 spring season.