



WEST GREELEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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The 2010 West Greeley Conservation District awards scholarships

The West Greeley Conservation District awarded four scholarships this year, for youth who are planning on pursuing careers in natural resources, agriculture, biological sciences, environmental or ecological based pursuits.

Winning scholarships for the coming school year are presented to:



Lauren Mertens of New Raymer, Colorado is the recipient of the Bryce White Memorial scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Lauren will be attending Northeastern Junior College and majoring in agriculture education. Lauren is a Student Council Senior Representative, president of her FFA Chapter, and winner of the Lions Club Local Speech Contest. The Bryce White scholarship was created in memory of past West Greeley Conservation District Board member Bryce White who dedicated a lot of time and efforts to the mission and vision of the Conservation District before his untimely death in 2007.

Elisabeth Larson of Gill, Colorado is the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship and will be attending Colorado State University and double majoring in agriculture business and secondary education consumer & family sciences. Elisabeth is active in her FFA Chapter, president of her FBLA chapter, secretary of her FCCLA chapter, president of her local 4-H chapter.



Cameron Meusch of Greeley, Colorado is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship. Cameron will be attending the Colorado State University where he will be majoring in landscape horticulture. Cameron is active in his church and school sports, playing on the varsity teams of football, basketball, and baseball.

The final \$500 scholarship goes to Leigha Wickstrom of Orchard, Colorado. Leigha will be attending Colorado State University and majoring in agriculture business. Leigha is president of her FFA Chapter, co-president to Student Council, and active in school sports, the Future Business Leaders of American and the National Honor Society.



The mission of the WGCD, established in 1948, is to fully support conservation planning that promotes local, agronomic and economic sustainability through wise land use; provide a quality experience for stakeholders; conduct fundamental implementation of the mechanisms associated with natural resource systems through cost share and educational programming; provide innovative outreach to citizens and stakeholders; investigate, record, and disseminate information about WGCD's natural resources; promote a comprehensive conservation ethic for the effective and appropriate management and sustainable use of natural resources; and actively participate in local forums and educational opportunities designed to promote comprehensive resource management within the WGCD.

For more information on the West Greeley Conservation District or to learn more about its scholarship program, visit their website at www.wgcd.org or call (970) 356-8097 ext. 3.