



Natural Resources and Agriculture Scholarship for Continuing Education

The West Greeley Conservation District **Continuing Education Scholarship** has been established to encourage and support tomorrow's conservation leaders in Natural Resources and Agriculture. Up to **two \$5,000 scholarships** (\$2,500 per semester) are awarded each year.

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships are available to college Juniors and Seniors, as well as graduate students enrolled at an accredited Colorado institution of higher learning. Applicants should have a declared major in a natural resources or agricultural field with at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), and must not have received a full scholarship from another source.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A West Greeley Conservation District application form (attached), a personal essay, a complete transcript of grades, and two letters of recommendation from those not related to you who can speak to your civic and academic accomplishments.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND INSTRUCTIONS

Applications should be received no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2017**. Scholarship winners will be notified in June.

RECIPIENT SELECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND DISPURSEMENT

Applicants may be contacted for an interview. A scholarship selection committee of three or more impartial members of the District Board of Supervisors shall select the winners and alternates for the scholarships based on demonstrated scholastic ability, academic commitment to a field in conservation or agriculture, involvement in community/volunteer projects, research related to conservation, and financial need. Winners must notify West Greeley Conservation District of intent to refuse or accept the scholarship, and where the scholarship monies are to be sent, no later than July 1st. Recipients will be required to provide a photo for use in promotional materials. If these conditions are not met, the scholarship could be awarded to an alternate candidate.

All scholarship checks will be made payable to your school and go directly to your school's financial aid or scholarship office upon receipt of official letters of acceptance, and proof of course registration, enrollment, and declared major.

WGCD Continuing Education Scholarship Application

Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

City and State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

College or University Attending _____ Anticipated year graduation _____

Major (and minor if applicable) _____

Semester hours completed _____ GPA _____ *Attach complete transcript

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

In your **typed, 2-page (maximum) personal essay**, please include the following:

1. Summary of your relevant activities and accomplishments.
2. Your career goals.
3. The importance of agriculture and/or conservation to you.
4. A statement of your financial need.

Release and Certification- I hereby attest that I have been accepted as a full-time student, and I have not received a full scholarship from another source. I also give my permission to West Greeley Conservation District to use my name and photo for promotional purposes if selected.

Date _____

Signature of Applicant

Completed applications can be emailed to kristi.helzer@wgcd.org with the scholarship type and last name of the applicant in the subject line (ex: Continuing Education Scholarship; JONES). Reference letters should be sent separately, directly by the referee, using the same subject line. Applications can also be mailed to:



**West Greeley Conservation District
Attn: Scholarship Committee
4302 W. 9th St Rd. Greeley, CO 80634**