



WGCD SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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- Incoming College Freshman**
- Renewal** (past Freshman recipient)
- Continuing Education** (sophomore, junior, senior)
- Higher Ed** (seeking Master's degree - MA)

ELIGIBILITY

The West Greeley Conservation District \$5,000 Scholarship recognizes and supports local students...

- *Whose home address is within our WGCD boundaries
 - A map showing the boundaries of the district can be found at: www.wgcd.org
 - You can check your address for WGCD tax fees at the County Assessor's site: <https://www.co.weld.co.us/apps1/propertyportal/>
 - *Opt in WGCD forms are available upon request
- Who have been accepted or enrolled in an accredited Colorado institution of higher learning with the intention to study ****Natural Resources, Environmental Studies, Agriculture, Animal Science, Agribusiness, Water, Forestry, and related conservation fields.**
- Who have earned at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), and
- Who have not received a full scholarship from another source
 - Contact Kristi at **970-356-8097** x: 143 if you have questions about eligibility

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS – You must submit:

- A West Greeley Conservation District application form (attached)
- A **typed, 2-page** (maximum) **personal essay**, that includes:
 - Summary of your relevant activities and accomplishments.
 - Your career goals.
 - The importance of agriculture and/or conservation to you.
 - A statement of your financial need.
- A complete up-to-date high school &/or college transcript (grades)
- Two confidential, sealed letters of recommendation from someone not related to you who can speak to your civic and academic accomplishments (principal, counselor, teacher, employer, advisor, neighbor, etc.) mailed to WGCD (address on application form).
- Applicants might be contacted for an interview

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Complete application packet must be received by **5 p.m., on April 11th, 2018**. Scholarship winners will be notified before June 1.

RECIPIENT SELECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND FUND DISBURSEMENT

Selection is based on

- demonstrated scholastic ability
- academic commitment to ****the fields listed above**
- financial need
- extracurricular activities, volunteer and/or conservation projects that impact Weld County

Winners must notify WGCD of intent to refuse or accept the scholarship no later than June 10th.

All scholarship checks will be made payable to the school and will go directly to the school's financial aid or scholarship office (in July) following receipt of:

- Your official letter of acceptance from your chosen college/university/trade school
- Proof of course registration/enrollment/class schedule

