

2018-19 WGCD Scholarship Award winners

Freshmen



"Ever since I was young, I knew that I would need to go to college in order to reach my dreams. However, I also knew that paying for it would be one of the hardest things that I would ever have to do. Now, thanks to all of the wonderful people at the West Greeley Conservation District, I am one step closer to reaching my goal of helping to end world hunger. I am so thankful for the scholarship that I have been awarded and I cannot wait to make everyone at the WGCD proud as I go on to find my success."

-Kayla Johnson, Roosevelt H.S. / CSU – Agribusiness



"Words cannot express how truly honored and thankful I am to have received a WGCD Scholarship. I was more than ecstatic when I heard that I was chosen as a recipient. My

Family has always anticipated paying for college would be a struggle, but that challenge has now become easier – thanks to you! It is very encouraging to know that I have so many kind, wonderful people supporting my future and education!"

-Mattea Klein, Roosevelt H.S. / Adams State College –
Agronomy Crop & Soil



"Being awarded the WGCD Scholarship not only means I will be able to attend college without the burden of the college price tag, but it has also given me the opportunity to be the first member in my family to pursue a higher education and obtain a degree in Environmental engineering, providing me the skills and knowledge to create a healthier and more sustainable future."

-Grant Rivera, Greeley Central H.S. / CSU – Environmental
Engineering



“As a first generation college student it is good to know that there is support beyond my family. This scholarship has opened the door to not only my dreams but my family’s as well. By receiving this scholarship I am now going to be less worried about my financial needs and more focused on my educational journey. It is good to know that there are organizations that support your dreams and acknowledge your achievements. Thank you.”

- Zuleica Vizcaino, Greeley West H.S. / CSU – Life Science / Veterinary Medicine

Renewals



“I am deeply grateful to receive the West Greeley Conservation District Renewal Scholarship for 2018/2019! College is very expensive and this scholarship is a huge help. Beyond my gratitude to the WGCD, I also want to make sure I express my commitment to work hard, every day, to be worthy of this support! I take education very seriously and, with the help of the West Greeley Conservation District scholarship, I move closer to a future where I can be a positive force for conservation and environmental sustainability in our community. Thank you!”

-- Katherine Potter, University H.S. / Fort Lewis College – Geology & Environmental Sciences



“I am beyond honored and grateful to have been chosen for this scholarship again as I continue my education. I know that I have made the right decision for my education and future career in natural resources.”

-Nicholas Sevier, Union Colony Prep. / CSU – Rangeland Ecology



“This scholarship has given me the opportunity to attend the college of my dreams, Colorado State University, and has helped me be one step closer to fulfilling my goal of being an Equine Veterinarian. Not only has this scholarship helped my college journey, it has helped my lifetime goal of giving back to the Greeley community to help other students, in ways similar to how this scholarship has helped me. I am filled with joy and gratitude that this scholarship has not only helped me, but other students wanting to be involved in the agriculture industry.”

- Allen Olmedo Soto, Greeley West H.S. / CSU – Equine Science

Continuing Education



“I am very honored to have received the West Greeley Conservation District Scholarship. It has been very instrumental in allowing me to continue my education at Colorado State University and focus on my major. Thank you!”

- Jenna Frink, Eaton H.S. / CSU - Animal Science and Agriculture Business



"The West Greeley Conservation District graciously awarded me the continuing education scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. This scholarship is helping to make my future become a reality. As a young agriculturalist I am excited to continue my education at Colorado State University upon graduation at Aims Community College. My studies include soil and crop science as well as precision agriculture. The scholarship is a tremendous help in allowing me to have the financial confidence as well as understanding a fellow industry leader helping serve Colorado students who want to give back and share their knowledge. I cannot thank WGCD enough for helping send me to CSU to accomplish my dreams. I am very blessed to have grown up in the agricultural industry and have found such an immense amount of love and support for helping all generations succeed in their dreams. Thank you!"

-Tiana Rose Smith, Aims / CSU – Agriculture Business



"Words cannot explain how thankful I am to have received this generous scholarship. Without it, I would not be able to pursue my education and someday, my dreams. Thank you to everyone who has donated or volunteered to raise this money to fund my education."

- Amber Thormodsgard, Briggsdale H.S. / CSU - Animal Science and Agriculture Business