



## WGCD SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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- Incoming College Freshman**
- Renewal** (past Freshman recipient)
- Continuing Education** (soph, jr, sr)

### 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](http://www.wgcd.org)
  - Please 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 – to do so at no cost to the student
- ✦ Who have been accepted or enrolled full time in an accredited Colorado institution of higher learning with the intention to study: **Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environmental Studies, 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 **970-534-2320** if you have questions about your eligibility

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS – You must submit:

- ✦ A West Greeley Conservation District application form (attached)
- ✦ A **2-page** (maximum) **typed, personal essay**, that includes:
  - Summary of your relevant to conservation, 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 & GPA)
- ✦ 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 **4 p.m., on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Scholarship winners will be notified by Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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/Fall class schedule

