



WGCD FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Check category 2020-21

- Incoming College Freshman**
- Renewal** (Potential for past Freshman recipients)

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
 - Please check your address for WGCD tax fees at the County Assessor's site:
<https://www.co.weld.co.us/apps1/propertyportal/>
- ✦ Who have been accepted or enrolled **full time** in an accredited Colorado institution of higher learning to study: **Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environmental Studies, Animal Science, Agribusiness, Water, Forestry, Soils, Conservation Sciences, plus other related fields.**
- ✦ Who have earned at least a **3.0 GPA** (on a 4.0 scale), and
- ✦ Who have not received a full-ride scholarship from any other resource
 - Contact Kristi at **970-534-2320** if you have questions about your eligibility

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS – You must submit a complete packet:

- ✦ A West Greeley Conservation District application form (attached available at wgcd.org)
- ✦ A **1-2-page** (maximum) **typed, personal essay**, that includes:
 - Summary of your conservation/ag school & community 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 current college official transcript (grades & GPA)
- ✦ Two confidential, sealed letters of recommendation from someone not related to you who can speak to your current civic and academic accomplishments (principal, counselor, teacher, professor, employer, advisor, neighbor, etc.) mailed to WGCD (address on application form).
- ✦ Applicants might be contacted for an interview

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Complete application packet (with all mentioned above) must be received by **4 p.m., on Friday, March 20, 2020**. Scholarship winners and their school (if a H.S. Freshman recipient) will be notified by Friday, April 24.

RECIPIENT SELECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND FUND DISBURSEMENT

Selection is based on:

- ✦ demonstrated scholastic ability
- ✦ academic commitment to the fields listed above
- ✦ financial need
- ✦ your involvement in 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 1st.

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

- Your official letter of acceptance from your chosen college/university/trade school
- Proof of course registration/enrollment send Fall schedule and Spring schedule

West Greeley Conservation District (WGCD) Scholarship Application Form

Check category

Incoming College Freshman

Renewal (Qualifying past Freshman recipient)

Name _____ Date _____

email _____ Phone _____

High School _____ Year of graduation _____

GPA _____ Attach complete official (current) grade transcript

University/College attending _____

Potential Major (minor if applicable) _____

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

Parent(s) _____

Home Address (in WGCD) _____

City _____ Zip _____ email _____

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, photo and my quote of thanks for promotional purposes if selected.*

Date by received WGCD _____

Signature of Applicant

Completed application, essay and transcripts can be mailed to the address below or email to info@wgcd.org with the scholarship category-your last name in the subject line (**Freshman-JONES** / **Renewal-SMITH** / **Continuing Education-BROWN**).

FRESHMEN: Your personal character reference letters should be mailed by the referring writer, using the same subject line (**Freshman-JONES**) and sent to arrive prior to the deadline - directly to:

West Greeley Conservation District

Attn: Scholarship Committee

c/o Kristi Helzer, Community Outreach & Education Coordinator

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Kristi.Helzer@wgcd.org

970-534-2320 or 970-356-8097 x: 3

