



WGCD FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Check category 2021-22

- Incoming College Freshman**
- Renewal/Continuing Ed.** (Qualifying recipient)

ELIGIBILITY

The West Greeley Conservation District Scholarship recognizes and supports local students...

- ✦ *Whose **family pays WGCD tax** and their **home address is within the WGCD boundaries**
 - 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/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 a **3.0 GPA** (on a 4.0 scale),
- ✦ Who have not received a full-ride scholarship from any other funder
 - 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 (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 **official** college transcript (student # & GPA)
- ✦ Incoming **FRESHMEN** or 1st time applicants - Two confidential, sealed letters of recommendation from someone not related to you, who can speak to your current civic and academic accomplishments plus future potential contributions (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 26, 2021.** Scholarship winners and their high school (if a Graduating senior recipient) will be notified by Friday, April 23.

RECIPIENT SELECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND FUND DISBURSEMENT

Selection is based on:

- ✦ demonstrated scholastic ability
- ✦ academic commitment to the fields listed above
- ✦ meeting all required criteria
- ✦ your involvement in extracurricular activities, volunteer and/or conservation projects that impact Weld County
- ✦ financial need

Winners must notify WGCD of intent to refuse or accept the scholarship no later than June 1, 2021.

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 & student #
- Official proof of course registration/enrollment - send your Fall schedule and Spring schedule

West Greeley Conservation District (WGCD) Scholarship Application Form

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Incoming College Freshman Continuing Ed./Renewal (Qualifying 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) _____ phone _____

Home Address (WGCD taxpayer) _____

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 WGCD 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/email to the address below or: info@wgcd.org with the scholarship category-your last name in the subject line (**Freshman-JONES** / **Renewal-SMITH**).

FRESHMEN & 1st Time Applicant: Your personal character reference letters should be mailed with your packet or emailed by the referring writer on the same day you submit your packet, using the same subject line (**Freshman-JONES**) and sent to arrive prior to the 3/26/21 deadline - directly to:

West Greeley Conservation District

Attn: Scholarship Committee

c/o Kristi Helzer, Community Outreach & Education Coordinator

4302 W. 9th Street Road, Greeley, CO 80634

Kristi.Helzer@wgcd.org 970-534-2320 or 970-356-8097 x: 3

