



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
 - 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 15th, 2019**. Scholarship winners will be notified by Friday, April 26th.

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 1st.

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

West Greeley Conservation District (WGCD) Scholarship Application Form

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 Continuing Education (Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

Name _____ Date _____

email _____ Phone _____

High School _____ Year of graduation _____

GPA _____ Attach complete (current) grade transcript

University/College attending _____

Potential Major (minor if applicable) _____

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

Parent(s) _____ email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

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.

Signature of Applicant Date to WGCD _____

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**).

Your personal character reference letters should be mailed by the referring writer, using the same subject line (**Freshman-JONES**) 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
970-534-2320 or 970-356-8097 x: 3