



## **Natural Resources and Agriculture Scholarship for Entering College Freshman**

The West Greeley Conservation District Scholarship for **College Freshman** has been established to recognize and support local students pursuing a career in Natural Resources or Agriculture. **Up to three \$2,000 scholarships, and one \$3,500 Bryce White Memorial Scholarship** are awarded each year.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The scholarships are available to high school seniors who have been accepted or enrolled in an accredited Colorado institution of higher learning, with a declared major in a natural resources or agricultural field. Applicants should have at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), and must not have received a full scholarship from another source. Only students with a home address within Weld County may apply, with preference given to those who reside within the boundaries of the West Greeley Conservation District. A map showing the boundaries of the district can be found on our website ([www.wgcd.org](http://www.wgcd.org)). Contact the District at **970-356-8097 x: 143** if you have questions about your eligibility.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

A West Greeley Conservation District application form (attached), a personal essay, a complete high school transcript of grades, and two confidential and sealed letters of recommendation from those not related to you who can speak to your civic and academic accomplishments (ie: principal, counselor, teacher, employer etc.).

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Applications should be received no later than **noon, on May 1, 2017**. Scholarship winners will be notified in June.

### **RECIPIENT SELECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND DISPURSEMENT**

Applicants may be contacted for an interview. A scholarship selection committee of three or more impartial members of the District Board of Supervisors shall select the winners and alternates for the scholarships based on demonstrated scholastic ability, academic commitment to a field in natural resources or agriculture, involvement in extracurricular activities, volunteer projects, and/or conservation, and financial need. Winners must notify West Greeley Conservation District of intent to refuse or accept the scholarship, and where the scholarship monies are to be sent, no later than July 1st. Recipients will be required to provide a photo for use in promotional materials. If these conditions are not met, the scholarship could be awarded to an alternate candidate.

All scholarship checks will be made payable to the school and will go directly to the school's financial aid or scholarship office upon receipt of official letters of acceptance, and proof of course registration, enrollment, and declared major.

## West Greeley Conservation District Scholarship Application for Entering College Freshman

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ \*Attach complete grade transcript

University or College attending \_\_\_\_\_

Declared Major (and minor if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

In your **typed, 2-page (maximum) personal essay**, please include the following:

1. Summary of your relevant activities and accomplishments.
2. Your career goals.
3. The importance of agriculture and/or conservation to you.
4. A statement of your financial need.

**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 and photo for promotional purposes if selected.

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**Signature of Applicant** Date \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications can be emailed to [kristi.helzer@wgcd.org](mailto:kristi.helzer@wgcd.org) with the scholarship type and last name of the applicant in the subject line (ex: Entering College Freshman Scholarship; JONES). Reference letters should be sent separately, directly by the referee, using the same subject line. Alternatively, applications can be mailed to:



**West Greeley Conservation District**  
**Attn: Scholarship Committee**  
**4302 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St Rd.**  
**Greeley, CO 80634**