



2020/2021 Careers in Conservation Scholarship
Application Period closes at 5PM FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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Information at sister nonprofit's website NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts www.ncaswcd.org

Application Information: <https://ncaswcd.org/index.php/foundation-careers-in-conservation-scholarship/>

Application Form https://fs25.formsite.com/ArEG8K/peids8lxbj/form_login.html

Program Basic Criteria – The Foundation is accepting online applications only!

- The Foundation plans to award merit-based scholarships up to \$5,000 per student per school year, renewable at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee. The program typically awards 10 to 15 scholarships per year at \$1,000 per student. Subsequent awards are contingent upon successful academic progression. Current scholars are required to submit a new application each year.
- The applicant is expected to have a declared major in the following; agronomy, agricultural engineering, agriculture sustainability, agriculture education, animal science, forestry, natural resource conservation or management, plant science, soil science, water management, water quality, wildlife management or other closely related degree programs.
- The applicant must be a resident of North Carolina, attend a college in North Carolina, and have achieved academic excellence in their high school or in their undergraduate studies to date. During the selection process, consideration will be given to superior academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, honors and achievements obtained.
- Applicant eligibility will be influenced by the amount of any scholarships previously awarded and any demonstrated financial hardships.
- Priority is given to students who have advanced in their undergraduate studies to demonstrate a clear commitment to achieve a Bachelor of Science degree in a course of study consistent with skill sets needed for seeking employment in the arena of natural resource management and agriculture. Students who have completed at least 50% of their required degree credit hours will receive additional consideration.
- **Applicants currently enrolled in college are required to submit an official transcript of all college courses completed by December 31, 2020. High School transcripts are acceptable if the student has not completed a semester of college as of January 31, 2021.** Transcripts are to be mailed directly from the college or high school to the Foundation.

- Interviews may be held with qualifying applicants before a final decision is made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Awards will be made in April 2021.
- Prior to awarding the scholarship, the recipient must be classified as a full-time college student. Funds will be deposited with the college's financial aid office for payment of eligible expenses.
- Applicants may submit up to three letters of recommendation. A support letter from your Soil and Water Conservation District board is encouraged. Letters should be submitted from the letter writer to Michelle Lovejoy directly either by email or mail.

Questions? Contact Michelle Lovejoy at ncfswc@gmail.com.

Transcripts mail to NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation, 5171 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 330, Raleigh NC 27612

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Please continue and fill out the form. Answers will be saved in your account.

First Name *

Last Name *

Select your county of primary resident. *

Home /house number and street address? *

City or Town? *

Zip Code ? *

Best Email Address for Applicant *

Best Telephone Number for Applicant *

Mother's Name *

Father's Name *

Select your current school status. Please note: if you are not currently a high school senior or college student, your not eligible to apply this year. *

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Current High School Seniors complete this section

Name of High School you will be graduating from: *

Please list your class rank. *

Please list your SAT Scores or ACT scores and dates of examination. *

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67% Complete

All Applicants complete this section

List Name of College applicant is enrolled in. If you have not been accepted yet, list N/A . *

If you have NOT started college, indicate the date you plan to start college and the name of your first choice college.

List any previous colleges attended, including start and end dates. If you are a high school student and have completed college courses, please complete this questions (college transcript will be needed). If you have not taken any college courses, list N/A in the blank. *

If you graduated from high school, and have not started college, (a gap year), please explain your reason for the gap in years. If not applicable , list N/A *

Please list any college classes you have taken (or high school classes) completed for your major. (Please do not include general education classes, but classes such as soil science, crop science, animal science, advanced biology, etc.) *

List school related extra-curricular activities by organization name and positions held, starting with most current. For example FFA Chapter President. *

List all school related awards received, starting with the most current. For example Dean's List Fall 2020. *

Describe any research related projects you are actively engaged in, starting with the most current. *

List any community service activities you have participated in by organization name, starting with the most current. For example Habitat for Humanity, Food Bank, Service projects, etc. *

Provide your employment history for the last four years including start and end dates, company name, and job title; starting with the most current. (This can also include working on family farm, or for other farmers) *

Describe any farming or agribusiness related activities you are engaged in and your level of participation. For example - Farmers Market stand worker; Farm worker on row crop operation; Show animals through 4H.*

Describe any lessons learned from the farming or agribusiness enterprise that enhanced your interest in pursuing a college degree in a related field.*

Describe any Soil & Water Conservation District programs you or your family have participated in. For example; Resource Conservation Workshop attendee, Envirothon Team member, EQIP or Ag. Cost Share contract on family farm.*

Share your career aspirations including what degree you are pursuing.*

List any other scholarships and amount you will receive in the 2021/2022 school year.*

List the estimated total direct cost for your upcoming academic career.*

List the total estimated financial resources available to you including family resources. *

List the remaining financial support needed to fund your Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 school years. *

Optional - List any financial hardships that you or your family is dealing with that you think is important for the Scholarship Committee to know. Any responses will not be shared outside of the committee review process.

Optional - Is there any other information you would like to share with the selection committee?

Affirmation Statement - All information given in this application, to the best of my knowledge, is accurate and truthful. It is my understanding that in order to receive the scholarship I must remain in good academic standing. I will provide my academic records for the scholarship selection process and during the time frame of awarded scholarships. *

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