



CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Purpose:** To promote the education of Virginia citizens in technical fields related to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

To give financial support to students majoring in or showing a strong desire to major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies.

**Qualifications:** One Education Scholarship will be awarded annually by the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) on behalf of the Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District (NNSWCD).

*Individual applicants must be full-time students enrolled in—or who have applied to—a college level curriculum in natural resource and/or environmental studies.* Applicants shall document a class ranking in the top 20% of his or her graduating class or a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement. The applicant’s most recent official school transcript must accompany the application. A copy of a school transcript will not be accepted. Applicants shall demonstrate active interest in conservation.

Only one applicant will be chosen for this Northern Neck scholarship. **Applications should be made from the county the student resides or attends school. Eligible applicants must reside or attend school within the Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District.**

It is the responsibility of the District to screen applications for eligibility in accordance with the criteria stated herein. Applications not fulfilling minimum criteria shall not be considered.

**Amount Awarded:** One \$1,000 scholarship will be given annually to a Northern Neck student. A check will be issued by the VASWCD to the selected school on behalf of the student.

**Deadlines:**

March 1, 2017	Applications must be returned to NNSWCD office
by March 24, 2017	Scholarship award winner will be announced

Submitted applications will be reviewed and screened by the NNSWCD Education Committee. All applications and information contained therein shall remain confidential and become the property of the NNSWCD. The nomination from the Education Committee will be forwarded to the VASWCD for award.

***For consideration, your fully completed application must be returned by March 1, 2017 to:***

***Via postal service:***

***Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District  
Attn: Kathleen Watson  
P.O. Box 220  
Warsaw, VA 22572-0220***

***In person:***

***Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District  
Attn: Kathleen Watson  
5559 Richmond Road, Suite B  
Warsaw, VA 22572***

The Commonwealth of Virginia supports the Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District through financial and administrative assistance provided by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District programs, activities and employment opportunities are available to all people regardless of disability, race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, color, age, religion/religious creed, veteran status, or genetics. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.



P.O. Box 220, 5559 Richmond Road  
Warsaw, VA 22572-0220  
(804) 313-9102, x105  
<http://www.nnswcd.org>

## NNSWCD College Scholarship Application

*Deadline: March 1, 2017*

### A. Personal Information

1. Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle
2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_
4. Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
6. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Educational Background (20 pts)

Attach your most recent official transcript. Your official transcript must show the official school seal.

1. High School Attending or Attended: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Anticipated or Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Number of students in your class: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Scholastic Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_
5. College(s) Attending or Plan to Attend: Include College Name and Location  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Major or Intended Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Environmental Leadership & Activity Experience (15 pts)

List any environmental leadership or activity experience you may have including participation in Envirothon, Youth Conservation Camp, 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA), etc. Attach additional information as needed.

**D. Other Leadership & Activity Experience (5 pts)**

List all other organizations and important extracurricular activities in which you have or currently are participating. Indicate any activities in which you hold or have held office and note which position. Include other activities such as athletics, music, drama, dance, public speaking, clubs, societies, public events/exhibits or awards, list honors or letters earned. Attach additional information as needed.

**E. Volunteer & Employment Experience (10 pts)**

List any volunteer or employment experiences including your position and brief description of duties. Attach additional information as needed.

1. Volunteer Organization/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held if Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**F. Financial Information and Other Circumstances (5 pts)**

1. Are you applying for or will you receive a scholarship or loan from other sources? Please circle one. YES NO

2. If yes, give loan or scholarship sources and amounts:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. In addition to the above, financing for your education will primarily come from: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have other circumstances (e.g., first generation college student) or a personal situation you would like to share?

\_\_\_\_\_

**G. References/Letters of Recommendation (10 pts)**

**Attach recommendation letters from at least 3 references - other than family members – who can provide additional information about your academic and community activities.** Share with your references that the purpose of this scholarship is to promote through education the conservation of our natural resources by providing financial support to students majoring in or showing a strong desire to major in a curriculum related to natural resource conservation or environmental studies. List below details on those from whom you have requested recommendation letters.

1. Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Relation to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Relation to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Relation to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**H. Essays**

- I. Attach a typed essay of approximately 400-500 words describing yourself and your involvement/interest in the environment. Address what you feel is the most important environmental issue in your community and why. How can you assist and promote leadership in the conservation of natural resources? (20 pts)
  
- II. Attach a typed response of approximately 100-150 words addressing why you deserve this scholarship. (15 pts)

**J. Signatures/Certification**

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. If declared a recipient of this scholarship, I will provide the VASWCD a statement that may be used for publicity purposes.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Reminder—Attachments must include: Official Transcript, Letters of Recommendation, Essays & any additional information.*

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