



Dear Buncombe County Educators:

Buncombe County Soil & Water Conservation District (BCSWCD) will be sponsoring 2 students to attend the 2013 Resource Conservation Workshop at NC State University. Registration fees, most meals, and transportation will be provided by BCSWCD. Students may want to bring some spending money but most expenses will be covered by the district. If you would like to nominate a student or students please have them complete the application and submit it to BCSWCD. After applications are returned a short interview of the applicant may be required in early May. Please return the completed application by April 19, 2013 to:

Buncombe County Soil & Water Conservation District
155 Hilliard Avenue, Suite 204
Asheville, NC 28801

Or

Email to renee.ray@buncombecounty.org

2013 Resource Conservation Workshop

Dates: June 23 - June 28, 2013

Place: NC State University

Subjects to be Covered:

- Soil Characteristics and Soil Conservation
- Wildlife & Fisheries Management
- Forest Management
- Nonagricultural Uses for Soils
- Water Quality & Watershed Management

Scholarship Opportunity:

- Grady Lane Award: *\$100 cash and \$500 college scholarship** - the Grady Lane award is the grand prize of the RCW. Each counselor selects a student who is then interviewed by a panel and a winner is selected. Selected criteria include academic scores, counselor evaluations, financial need, attitude and interview results.
- District Employee's Association Award: *\$1,000 college scholarship** - this award is sponsored by the DEA. This award may be given in increments of two \$500 scholarships.
- Academic scores from the challenge exam: five other RCW awards are presented using academic scores from the challenge exam (including the tiebreaker question):
 - 1st Place - *\$100 cash and \$500 college scholarship**
 - 2nd Place - *\$100 cash and \$275 college scholarship**
 - 3rd Place - *\$100 cash*



- 4th Place - \$75 cash
- 5th Place - \$50 cash

Housing:

Students will be housed in the Lee Residence Hall (air conditioned) on NCSU campus. Adult counselors will be provided based on one counselor for every 7-8 students.

Eligibility:

A student who has demonstrated an interest in natural resource conservation is eligible to attend. High School graduates are not eligible to attend. Priority should be given to **sophomores, juniors** and **seniors**. Students may participate only one time in this workshop.

Costs

The cost of the workshop will be paid by the Buncombe County Soil & Water Conservation District. This includes room, linens, instructional supplies, insurance and planned meal functions. A refrigerator and microwave are provided in most rooms.

In addition, the district will provide each student with enough money to cover the cost of food other than organized meals (\$100 for 11 meals) and will also provide transportation from an area drop off point to Raleigh. A van will be provided by the Area 1 Soil & Water Conservation District to take students to RCW and bring them back to the central location at the end of the week. The overall package is worth \$500.00 at no cost to the students.

* More information can be found at <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html> .

Please feel free to nominate more than one student and if you have any questions feel free to contact BCSWCD.

Sincerely,

Renee Ray

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