Area 1 North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation District
Conservation Scholarship Application

This form is the application for the Area 1 NC Soil and Water Conservation District scholarship fund.

- High school students interested in pursuing a college major in the studies of agriculture, field science, conservation, energy, natural resources, environmental science, or related field are encouraged to apply.
- Priority will be given to high school seniors, however all high school students from Area 1 can apply as well as students already enrolled in college that are from Area 1.
- Area 1 counties include: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey.
- Specific amount of scholarship will depend on funding available that year.
- Awards decision will be made before end of school year.
- The Area 1 North Carolina SWCD committee reserves the right to call candidates in for interviews before award decision is made.
- Previous winners will be considered but must reapply each year.
- A minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5 is required for consideration of application.
- A copy of applicant’s high school transcripts must be included with this application.
- Award decision will be made by May 15th. Winner must make arrangements for payment by July 1st. If arrangement for payment is not made by July 1st, the award will go to the next highest ranked student.
- Due date for application is March 15th of the current school year.

Please submit application to:

Cayle Aldridge
NC Div. of Soil and Water Conservation
589 Raccoon Road, Suite 205
Waynesville, NC 28786

Contact Cayle Aldridge at 828-736-1356 with any questions.

Complete the following:

Name: ________________________ SSN (last 4 digits): __________
                 First           Last
Home Address ____________________________________________ County___________ Home Phone___________
City___________________________ State_____ Zip Code___________ Email __________________________
High School____________________ School Phone______________________________
Address________________________________________________________ City________________________ Zip___________

Letter of Recommendation
A letter of recommendation must be included with the application. The letter can be from a teacher, counselor, advisor, employer, etc. and must include contact information for the person writing the letter, how long this person has known the applicant, relationship of the person to the applicant, strengths the applicant has shown, and why this applicant would be a good candidate for this scholarship.

Applicant signature ___________________________ Date __________________________
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ACT Composite Score___________ or SAT Scores: Verbal _________ Math ______ Writing__________
Total __________________________

High School Graduation Year _______ Grade Point Average _______ / _______
(un-weighted/weighted GPA)

College Choices: Applied /Accepted Pending (date intend to apply)
First Choice________________________________________
Second Choice________________________________________
Third Choice________________________________________

Intended major(s) or interest area(s) is/are (please list in order of preference):
First choice________________________________________ Second choice________________________________________

Long Range Career Goal (ex. Wildlife technician, forestry specialist, soil scientist, etc.)________________________

Personal Achievements:
Please list all Soil and Water Conservation District education activities you’ve participated in and what years (Envirothon, poster contest, RCW, essay contest, etc.)

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Please list all other natural resource related activities you have participated in and what years (Girl scouts/Boy scouts, FFA, 4-H, Environmental club, internships, employment, etc.) You may attach a resume or additional sheets if necessary.

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***On a separate sheet of paper write an essay about your future career goals. Essay must include three points:***
- Describe how your intended major and long-term career goals relate to natural resources and conservation.
- Discuss your personal achievements and how they will help you meet your long-term career goals.
- Describe the importance of this scholarship and how it will assist you in meeting your goals.