## 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Winner must make arrangements for payment by July1st. If arrangement for payment is not made by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Home Address  | Last                            | County                  |                     | Home Phone |  |  |
| City  | State                           | Zip Code                | Email               |            |  |  |
| High School   |                                 | School Phone            |                     |            |  |  |
| Address   |                                 | City                    |                     | Zip        |  |  |
| Letter of Recommendation A letter of recommendation must be include include contact information for the person wastrengths the applicant has shown, and why | riting the letter, how long thi | is person has known the | applicant, relation |            |  |  |
| Applicant signature   |                                 | ]                       | Date                |            |  |  |

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| ACT Composite Score Total   |   | Math              | Writing                        |
|---|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| High School Graduation Year (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) i   | s/are (please list in order of prefer     | ence):            |                                |
| First choice  | Seco                                      | ond choice        |                                |
| Long Range Career Goal (ex. Wildlife to   | echnician, forestry specialist, soil scie | entist, etc.)     |                                |
|   |   | Year              | Position Held                  |
| Please list all other <u>natural r</u> scouts/Boy scouts, FFA, 4-H, resume or additional sheets i | Environmental club, inte                  |                   | •                              |
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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.