



# **LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT** **2019 FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

## **Information Sheet**

### **1. Scholarship amount and term.**

- Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded prior to the start of each academic year.
- The annual award will be dispersed directly to the appropriate college financial office at the beginning of each academic year (fall term or semester) if all annual reporting requirements are met.

### **2. Applicant Qualification.**

- To apply the applicant must:  
(1) be a Lander County resident; (2) enrolled in the senior class of a Lander County High School or an equivalent home school program approved by Lander County School District, or enrolled in a requisite course of study at an accredited college or university; (3) have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 in the courses required for graduation from High School, or earned a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 at accredited college or university; (4) provide evidence of enrollment in a degree or certificate program in, Agriculture, Conservation, or Natural Resource, agri-business, veterinary science, or animal husbandry at accredited college, university or vocational school prior to the start of Fall semester.
- To remain eligible for the scholarship, the student must maintain good standing with full time student status in one of the required degree or certificate programs, maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5, and adhere to the annual reporting requirements.

### **3. Application Process.**

- Complete applications must be received at the Lander County Conservation District office by **4:00 p.m. Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Application forms are available through the counselors at the Battle Mountain and Austin High School, Great Basin College Battle Mountain, and at the *Lander County Conservation District office (Cooperative Extension Office) at 815 North Second Street, Battle Mountain, NV 89820, or by calling 775-635-9207.*

### **4. Selection Process.**

- Selection will be made by a quorum of the Lander County Conservation District Board Supervisors and their decision will be final.
- Selection consideration for the scholarship award will be based on information submitted in the application including: references, the essay written by the applicant, and qualifications of the applicant. Particular weight in the selection process will be given for the degree of expectation by the board that the applicant will earn a degree or certificate in one of the required areas, the content, writing and organizational skills demonstrated by the applicant in the essay (personal statement), and through statements of recommendation provided. An interview of applicants may be scheduled at the Boards discretion.
- If scholarship recipient is a high school Senior, notification, if possible, will be announced at the Senior Recognition ceremony sponsored by the Lander County School District in addition to an official letter of award sent by mail. If a college or university student, notice will be served through the mail only.

### **5. Annual Renewal and Reporting Requirements**

- All annual reporting requirements are the student's responsibility.
- Extensions of an awarded scholarships or reporting requirements are reviewed by board on an individual basis and must be in writing prior to the end of the current term award was awarded for.
- The following information must be received by the Lander County Conservation District office to reapply for the scholarship.
  - Official transcripts showing: good standing, full time status, GPA, course of study for each term, and evidence of enrollment in required degree/certificate program for next academic term and/or year.
  - New updated and complete application.





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4. Planned or Current College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Enter your expected or actual date of graduation from college. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month Year

6. Have you made any decision as to your future occupation? YES  NO   
 If YES, what is your career goal? \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. School, Community, and Work Activities**

1. List **school activities** in which you have participated (such as publications, debating, music, art, student government, organized sports, etc.). Include any honorary awards (such as National Honor Society, etc.) Use additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Dates of Participation	Offices Held	Special Awards or Honors

2. List **community activities** in which you have participated as a volunteer.

Name of Agency of Organization	Kind of Work	Dates of Participation	Special Awards	Hours per Week

3. List **work history** (including summer employment) you have held in the past three years.

Job and Kind of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Hrs. Per Week



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III. **All applicants must submit transcripts of their grades.**

1. High school students and those who are first semester college freshmen at the time the application is submitted must provide a complete official transcript of their high school grades which should include all tests taken (i.e. **SAT, ACT, Proficiency**) and their scores. If official will not include current semester/year grades then an unofficial is acceptable until official is complete.
2. College or university students in their second year or higher must submit a complete official transcript from all colleges attended. If official will not include current semester/year grades then an unofficial is acceptable until official is complete.

IV. Completed application and all required documentation must be received by:

**Lander County Conservation District**  
**815 North 2nd Street**  
**Battle Mountain, NV 89820**

**4:00 p.m., the Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

If you have any questions regarding the application and or process prior to submitting application materials, please call the Executive Secretary/District Clerk at (775) 635-9207.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Your signature certifies that all information in the application is, to the best of your knowledge, true and correct.*



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**STATEMENT OF RECOMMENDATION**

RECOMMENDATION FOR \_\_\_\_\_

Please use your personal knowledge of this candidate in providing this assessment. If necessary, use an additional piece of paper to respond.

**1. How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity (friend, employer, instructor, etc.)?**

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**2. What is your assessment of the candidate's strengths and sense of responsibilities? Discuss their commitment to higher education and successful completion of a course of study? (Address specific examples of accomplishments at work, school, home, community, place of worship, etc.)**

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**3. What is your personal knowledge of the candidate's educational goals and progress toward accomplishing these goals? (Consider any barriers/difficulties this person has overcome.)**

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**4. Additional information you think the selection committee should know about the candidate?**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Suggestions for Writing a Personal Statement Essay:

**In order for the selection committee to better understand your strengths and your needs, you may consider the following items for your personal statement:**

- An introduction that reflects your request for consideration
- A statement containing your overall academic and life goals
- A list of specific academic objectives
- A description of your career goals
- Personal reasons reflecting need for scholarship assistance
- Academic history, including both challenges and achievements
- Work history, leadership roles, and recognition
- Cultural factors
- Travel and relocations as related to life goals
- Volunteer experiences
- High school history and achievements
- Awards, recognition and previous scholarships received
- Community service participation
- Leadership experiences in community and school organizations
- Challenges regarding health and wellness issues, learning disabilities, etc.
- Special considerations in terms of rural locations, commute issues, etc.
- Personal and Family Background and Considerations
- Summary statement that contains specific or general requests
- Statement of appreciation, in advance, for consideration of your statement

**Format suggestions:**

- Check your writing for correct spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Have another person read your work for clarity and errors
- Use complete sentences
- Should be in proper essay format



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**Check List**

*For your convenience; not to be included with the Scholarship application.*

1. Completed Application \_\_\_\_\_
2. Recommendations (*Use form provided*)  
One from supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
One from school principal or counselor or advisor \_\_\_\_\_  
One from personal reference (not family member) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Essay (personal statement) \_\_\_\_\_
4. School Transcripts \_\_\_\_\_
5. All qualifications, requirements, and deadline met \_\_\_\_\_