

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Flathead Conservation District (FCD) offers college scholarships to qualified local high school seniors.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Student must intend to pursue a degree in natural resources or related field.

Note: Appropriate courses of study may include agricultural sciences, animal/range science, forestry, environmental science or engineering, hydrology, land resources, plant science, wildlife biology, etc.

- Student must reside in Flathead County.
- Student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
- Students may receive a scholarship only once.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- A letter of recommendation from an instructor familiar with your work.
- Your official school transcript listing courses taken and grades received (all personal information will be kept confidential).
- An original 500-word essay answering **ONE** of the following questions:
 1. Describe yourself and your interest in natural resources (or related field of study). Why have you chosen this field? Describe your experience or community service pertaining to natural resources (e.g., agricultural experience, camps, Envirothon, coursework, FFA, 4-H, etc.).
 2. Describe what you believe to be the most important issue related to natural resources in your community and why. How do you plan to impact natural resources conservation in the future?

Note: We encourage applicants to visit our website (www.flatheadcd.org) and other conservation district/organization websites to gain an understanding of what conservation is and the kinds of activities that support it.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Scholarship awardees are required to attend a FCD board meeting to meet and talk with the Board of Supervisors about their education plans/goals.
- FCD will mail all scholarship awardees a form requesting additional information, which is required to process the award. The completed form must be submitted to the FCD office by **June 1st**.
- Payment will be approved by the board in June and the check will be sent directly to the school you will be attending. Failure to submit required forms may result in scholarship forfeiture.

DEADLINE:

- Completed applications and required attachments must be received by **March 15th at 4:00PM**.
- Applications and questions can be emailed to Jessie Walthers at jessie@flatheadcd.org or mailed to 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.



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APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

University/College enrolled in or applied to: _____

Planned major/course of study: _____

Required attachments:

- Letter of Recommendation
- Official Transcript
- Essay

I certify that my scholarship application materials are accurate to the best of my knowledge and that my essay is an original work. I understand that application materials will not be returned. If I am awarded a scholarship, I understand that information such as my name, hometown, GPA, photo, and course of study may be used in media announcements by Flathead Conservation District.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____