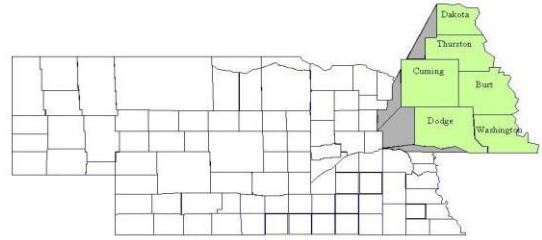


SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Resource Conservation & Development Council
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What is the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council?

The Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council is a nonprofit, grass-roots organization that works to protect and develop natural, social and economic resources in Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge Thurston and Washington counties.

The Council makes communities a better place to live by developing and carrying out projects which improve area economy, environment and quality of life. RC&D Councils were established in the Agriculture Act of 1962 to provide a program which empowers rural people to help themselves.

Vision Statement:

People working actively and in cooperation to strengthen communities.

Mission Statement:

Manage and conserve natural resources and develop human capital for present and future generations.

Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council projects include:

Scrap Tire Collections

E-waste Collections

MMV Weed Management Group

Logan Creek Recreational Canoe Access

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway

Area Tourism Displays

This scholarship is awarded to an individual who is willing to work for the community and believes that working together can make a difference. The amount of this scholarship is \$500.00.

Qualifications for the applicant:

- Applicant must be a current senior in a high school located in Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Thurston or Washington county. Former graduates of a high school located in one of these counties, who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary education program may also apply. Non-traditional students who attended a high school located in one of these counties may also apply.
- This scholarship will be awarded to assist with the costs of post-secondary education. This includes programs leading to a four-year degree, two-year degree, certificate, or vocational certification.
- This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who demonstrates a history of volunteering and community involvement. Preference will be given to applicants who have volunteered at Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D events. During the application ranking process, additional points may also be given to applicants who have an immediate family member working for the RC&D Council or actively serving as a volunteer on the RC&D Board of Directors.
- Scholarship payment will be made at the end of the first semester of post-secondary education, or at program completion, whichever comes first. Scholarship checks will be payable to the post-secondary educational provider and will be sent to the designated address for scholarship payments. If program is one semester or less in length, the scholarship check may be made payable to the student, and sent to the student upon proof of successful program completion.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15. Must be received or postmarked by this date. RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAY 1ST

Applications may be emailed to office@nlhrcd.org or mailed to: Nebraska Loess Hill RC&D Council, PO Box 24, Oakland, NE 68045.

Any questions, please email office@nlhrcd.org or call Tricia Bracht at 402.685.4020.

Application:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Post-Secondary School Plans (circle one): 4 yr 2 yr Certificate Other: _____

Post- Secondary School Name & Address:

Have you ever volunteered at an RC&D event? Yes No

If yes, when and explain involvement:

Do you have an immediate family member employed by the RC&D Council or actively serving on the RC&D Board of Directors? Yes No

If yes, please provide name of immediate family member:

I certify the information in this application is true and hereby grant permission for the scholarship committee to contact the individuals whose contact information is provided for information about my participation in the activities listed in response to the questions below.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

On a separate sheet (s) of paper, please answer the following questions:

- 1) Why are you interested in continuing your education? Please be sure to include the field of study you will pursue and your reasons for choosing this field. (500 words max)
- 2) Please list your volunteer activities. This may include community groups, religious institutions, non-profit organizations or other non-paid work. For each activity, please include the time period, a brief explanation of the activity and contact information for a person familiar with your role in this activity. (You may attach an activity resume with this information)
- 3) For applicants who are **currently** attending high school or college, please list school activities, teams, and clubs. Include information about the type of activity, your role, awards received and contact information for a sponsor, coach or person familiar with your role. (You may attach an activity resume with this information).
- 4) Of all the activities you listed, which 2 mean the most to you and why? (500 words max)