

The NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation's Scholarship Program was established to increase the number of qualified people committed to working in the field of natural resource management that directly support the mission of local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Scholarship recipients will be students who are currently pursuing or have firm plans to pursue a college course of study leading to a degree in natural resource management or other closely related fields. The Foundation's scholarship program is funded by generous donations of the Bowman family.

### **Basic Criteria and Stipulations**

- The Foundation plans to award merit based scholarships up to \$5,000 per student per school year, renewable at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee. Subsequent funding awards are contingent upon successful and timely academic progression. Current scholars are required to submit a new application.
- The applicant is required to have a declared major in the following study areas; agronomy, agricultural engineering, agriculture sustainability, agriculture education, animal science, forestry, natural resource conservation or management, plant science, soil science, water management, water quality, wildlife management or other closely related degree programs.
- To be eligible, the recipient must be a resident of North Carolina, attend a college in North Carolina, and have achieved academic excellence in their high school or in their undergraduate studies to date. During the selection process, consideration will be given to superior academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, honors and achievements obtained.
- Applicant eligibility will be influenced by the amount of any scholarships previously awarded and any demonstrated financial hardships.
- Priority is given to students who have advanced in their undergraduate studies to demonstrate a clear commitment to achieving a Bachelor of Science degree in a course of study consistent with skill sets needed for fulfilling the mission of local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, associated state and federal agencies and the applicable private sector. Students who have completed at least 50% of their required college degree credit hours will receive additional consideration.
- **Applicants currently enrolled in college are required to submit a current certified transcript of all college courses completed by the date of the application. High School transcripts are acceptable if the student has not completed a semester of college as of December 31, 2016. Transcripts are to be mailed directly from the college or high school to the Foundation office. Applications will not be reviewed until a transcript is received.**
- Interviews may be held with qualifying applicants before a final decision is made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Awards will be made in April 2017.
- Prior to awarding the scholarship, the recipient must be classified as a full-time college student. Funds will be deposited with the college's financial aid office for payment of eligible expenses.

**Current applications can be downloaded from the Foundation's website [www.ncsoilwater.org](http://www.ncsoilwater.org)**

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