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**Hanover-Caroline
Soil & Water Conservation
District**

**2020 College Scholarship
Application**

The Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District’s educational mission is to provide educational opportunities to citizens of Virginia to become responsible stewards of the environment and natural resources for the benefit of all. Three scholarships of \$5000 each are available to outstanding graduating seniors in Hanover and Caroline County public schools. The District is offering one \$5000 scholarship for a Hanover County public school student and one \$5000 scholarship for a Caroline County public school student. One additional \$5000 scholarship is offered to either a Hanover County public school student or Caroline County public school student.

Criteria for Eligibility

1. Student must attend a Hanover or Caroline public high school AND reside in the respective county.
2. Applied for admission to an accredited institution of post-secondary education, preferably in the state of Virginia.
3. Applicant shall demonstrate an active interest in conservation. Applicant will continue his/her education in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation, environmental studies and/or agriculture.
4. Applicant shall be in the top 20% of his/her high school graduating class or possess a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average. The applicant’s most recent official school transcript must accompany the application.
5. Possess good communicative and quantitative skills as indicated by his/her scholastic record and/or personal interview.

Application Procedure

1. In order to be considered for this award, applicants must have applied to and been accepted by a post-secondary institution, not later than May 15, 2019.
2. Applications must be in received in the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District office by close of business on **February 28, 2020**.

**Hanover-Caroline SWCD; Attn: Karen Fetty
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Hanover, VA 23069**

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Submitted applications will be reviewed and screened by the Education Committee. As part of the selection process, an in-person interview may be required. Nominations from the Committee will be submitted to the Hanover-Caroline SWCD Board of Directors for final approval.

February 28, 2020	Applications DUE to Hanover-Caroline SWCD
Week of March 8	Possible in-person interviews with applicant
March 10, 2020	Board approval of Education Committee nominations; Recipients notified after this date.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2020 to Hanover-Caroline SWCD

I. Personal Information

1. Applicant's Name _____
Last First Middle
2. Home Address _____

3. County of Residence _____ 5. Date of Birth _____
4. Home Telephone Number _____ 6. Email: _____

II. Educational Background

Attach your most recent official transcript. Your official transcript must show the official school seal.

1. High School Attending or Attended: _____
2. Anticipated or Date of Graduation: _____
3. Number of students in your class/Class Rank: _____ / _____ 4. Scholastic Average (GPA): _____
5. College(s) Attending or Plan to Attend: Include College Name and Location, and if you have been accepted:
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
6. Major or Intended Field of Study: _____

III. Environmental Leadership & Activity Experience

List any environmental leadership or activity experience you may have including participation in Envirothon, Youth Conservation Camp, 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA), etc. Attach additional information as needed.

IV. Other Leadership & Activity Experience

List all other organizations and important extracurricular activities in which you have or currently are participating. Indicate any activities in which you hold or have held office and note which position. Include other activities such as athletics, music, drama, dance, public speaking, clubs, societies, public events/exhibits. List any awards, honors or letters earned. Attach additional information as needed.

V. Volunteer & Employment Experience

List any volunteer or employment experiences including your position and brief description of duties. Attach additional experience as needed.

1. Volunteer Organization/Employer: _____
Position Held if Applicable: _____ Dates of Service: _____
Brief Description of Duties: _____

VI. Financial Information and Other Circumstances

1. Are you applying for or will you receive a scholarship or loan from other sources? Please circle one: YES NO
2. If yes, give loan or scholarship sources and amounts:

3. In addition to the above, financing for your education will primarily come from: _____
4. Do you have other circumstances (ex. first generation college student) or a personal situation you would like to share? _____

VII. References/Letters of Recommendation

Attach recommendation letters from at least three references, other than family members, who can provide additional information about your academic and community activities. Share with your references that the purpose of this scholarship is to promote through education the conservation of our natural resources by providing financial support to students majoring in or showing a strong desire to major in a curriculum related to natural resource conservation, agriculture or environmental studies. List below details on those from whom you have requested recommendation letters.

1. Name of Reference: _____
Position/Relation to Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____
2. Name of Reference: _____
Position/Relation to Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____
3. Name of Reference: _____
Position/Relation to Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____

VIII. Essays

1. Attach a typed essay of approximately 400-500 words describing yourself and your involvement/interest in the environment. Address what you feel is the most important environmental issue in your community and why. How can you assist and promote leadership in the conservation of natural resources?
2. Attach a typed response of approximately 100-150 words addressing why you deserve this scholarship.

IX. Signatures/Certification

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Note: An in-person interview may be required as part of the selection process

Reminder - Attachments to include: Official Transcript, Letters of Recommendation, Essays, & any additional information

Return to Karen Fetty at Hanover-Caroline SWCD by February 28, 2020 via mail or e-mail.

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