

Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District

2025 Scholarship for Agriculture and Natural Resources



PURPOSE – The purpose of this \$500.00 scholarship is to encourage students planning to enter the field of agriculture or natural resources, and to prepare them for such a career through an organized program of study at a North Carolina college or university.

QUALIFICATIONS – Applications will be accepted from students meeting the following qualifications:

- Planning to or already enrolled in a North Carolina college or university for 2025
- A senior at a Bladen County high school or a resident of Bladen County
- Planning to pursue a two or four-year degree in an agricultural or natural resources related field

Some qualifying fields of study include, but are not limited to:

- Agronomy
- Forestry
- Fisheries Management
- Environmental Sciences
- Soil Science
- Plant Science
- Animal Science
- Agriculture Business Management
- Resource Management
- Agricultural Engineering
- Wildlife Management
- Agricultural Education/Communication
- Environmental Education/Communication

Other fields of study will be considered, based upon approval of the Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

The scholarship will be awarded to one student each year by the selection committee which is made up of the Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, whose decision is final. Financial need is NOT a consideration for this scholarship.

WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY – Submit the following:

- Completed application
- Biographical information including: positions of leadership held, awards received, organizations in which you participated during high school, and any additional information you feel the scholarship committee should consider
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from an employer or teacher (past or present)
- Your most current academic transcript
- Original, personal essay describing the reason for choosing a degree in agriculture or natural resources. The essay must be typed, and at least 400 words long

Completed application, biographical information, transcript, essay, and letters of recommendation must be delivered to the Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District office by 12:00 pm. on January 31, 2025.

**Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District
2025 Scholarship Application**

Name: _____
Last, first, middle

Address: _____
Street, City, State, Zip

Age: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

High school attending: _____

University planning to attend: _____

Current GPA: _____ (Attach your most current academic transcript)

Proposed Major/Area(s) of study: _____

I, the undersigned, authorize the release of all scholarship materials including references and grade information to members of the selection committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Mail or hand-deliver to:

Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District
Powell-Melvin Agricultural Center
450 Smith Circle
Elizabethtown NC 28337