

NORTH DAKOTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Conservation Studies Scholarship

The North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association (NDCDEA) established a scholarship for high school and college students interested in pursuing conservation education. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college students who are residents of North Dakota and intend to or are currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in agricultural/natural resource management/environmental or related field at a two or four-year university in the state of North Dakota. Four scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1000.00 each.

Interested applicants are required to complete the application form and compose an essay of no more than 500 words on the topic chosen by the NDCDEA. Applicants will need to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and be a full-time student. Scholarship will be paid after the President of the Association receives the previous semester's transcript. The \$1000.00 will be sent to the school of attendance unless the recipient is a graduating college senior, in which case the scholarship monies will be paid directly to the recipient. If the scholarship winner does not maintain the 2.5 GPA, the second-place qualifier will be awarded the \$1000.00. Applications and essays must be mailed by **February 20th, 2026**. Essays will be judged by the NDCDEA board of directors. The scholarship winner will be notified following the selection.

2026 Conservation Studies Scholarship Topic:

"Why are native grasslands critical to North Dakota's ecological health, and what management practices help maintain or restore them?"

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North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association Conservation Studies Scholarship Application

Please complete the application along with the written essay, and return them to the **NDCDEA**, c/o Stutsman County Soil Conservation District, 1301 Business Loop E Jamestown, ND 58401 by ***Friday, February 20th, 2026.***

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

College you plan to/or are attending: _____

College level entering: Fr____ Soph____ Jr____ Sr____ Date of Graduation: _____

Intended major (and minor if any): _____

List honors and awards received: _____

List any natural resource management, agricultural, or environmental activities/volunteer work in which you have participated: _____

Career goals: _____
