

# Western Region RC&D Councils Scholarship

\$500.00 over two consecutive semesters

## Application and Requirements

### To be eligible an applicant must be:

- attending an accredited university, college, or trade school,
- be listed as a third semester or greater, attendee at the school,
- is enrolled in 12 credit hours or listed as a full time student
- must be an immediate family member of an active dues paying council member in the Western Region (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)

### For consideration the applicant shall:

- write an essay,
- supply two letters of recommendation,
- show community volunteer work,
- provide a transcript from the second or previous semester and
- sign and date the application on the initial information page. All subsequent pages shall be identified by your LAST 4 DIGITS OF YOUR SSN only.

**Applications shall be** reviewed by the Western RC&D Scholarship Award Committee with these criteria values:

Essay - 50 points  
Letter – 15 points  
Volunteer Community Service -20 Points  
Grades -10 points  
School Location in our region - 5 points

**Deadline:** Application shall be delivered through US Postal Service, postmarked by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications postmarked after July 1st, shall be returned un-opened. Award recipient will be contacted by mail and announced at the next Western RC&D Conference. Applications may be submitted for consecutive years. Other grants and scholarship funds are not pertinent to the award of this scholarship.

**Notes:** Scholarship award checks are mailed to the Financial Aid Officer of the school of your choice and the check will be made out in the name of both the awardee and the school. Checks shall be sent per semester of award. Each check shall be for 50% of the total award. If you change the school of your choice, you must notify WRRC&D Treasurer immediately.

All scholarship and fellowships will be taxable income to the extent they exceed the cost of tuition, books and equipment needed for the course of study. Scholarships that pay in part for food and room will be taxable. This application may be obtained on line at the Western Region RC&D Councils web site. <http://www.westernrcd.org>

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RC&D Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ (Identifier)

Post-secondary school you are attending or plan to attend:

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of Financial Aid Office: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Office phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RC&D Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RC&D Council President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application must be submitted by mail to the President of Western RC&D Region postmarked by July 1.

Joe Leichtnam  
**WESTERN SCHOLARSHIP**  
4330 West Main St. 16C  
Rapid City, SD 57702

Last 4 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ (Identifier), **Do Not Use** any form of additional identification on this or any following pages. All additional pages shall be identified by your last 4 SSN **only**. **Thank you**.

**Total points awarded by this reviewer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay:** **Points Award** \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach an essay titled **Goals and Aspirations** explaining your plans as they relate to your career objectives and long-term goals. Essay shall be no longer than 2000 words. Please double space your manuscript on individual pages with page numbers and SSN Identification at each page top right. Please omit your name; your last 4 SSN is your identification.

**Letters of Recommendation:** **Points Award** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide two (2) Letters of Recommendation from persons outside of your family. It is recognized that these letters will include your name; therefore the President of the Western Region RC&D Councils shall block out identifying marks and substitute your last 4 SSN prior to submitting your application package to the selection committee.

**Community Volunteer Service** **Points Award** \_\_\_\_\_

Describe community volunteer services you have performed during the past four years. Community service may be sponsored by any organization or entity provided the volunteer activity shall give service to others in the greater community in which you live.

**Please follow this general format:**

Description of community service performed, approximate date and length of service.

**Transcript:** **Points Award** \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach your transcript from the second or previous semester. It is recognized that transcripts will include your name; therefore the President of the Western Region RC&D Councils shall block out identifying marks and substitute your last 4 SSN prior to submitting your application package to the selection committee.

**Attendance of School in Western Region:** **Points Award** \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one) yes or no

By signing the information page of this application I certify that I understand this is for a total of \$250.00 per semester for two consecutive semesters, I am a second year student in an accredited school, I may apply for this scholarship for multiple years, I have completed the application package for submission for myself, the information page shall be separated from the application package with the package going to the selection committee with only my last 4 SSN as an identifier, and after final selection by the committee the identifier shall be used to determine the appropriate personal information for the award. I may request return of the application package after review and selection provided an appropriate self addressed and prepaid envelope is provided. **Please mark** \_\_\_\_\_