



2020 CT RC&D SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2 Scholarships Available

GUIDELINES

Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. (CT RC&D), a 501(c)(3) statewide charitable organization, announces the 2020 Scholarship Award Program. Under the program, (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors or college students attending school in Connecticut. CT RC&D employees, Council Members, and their families are not eligible to apply.

Available Scholarships:

(1) Norma O'Leary Agriculture Scholarship - \$500 for students pursuing a post-secondary technical school or college career in agriculture. The CT RC&D Scholarship Committee will select one winner each year to receive the Norma O'Leary Agriculture Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior or a post-secondary education student who is pursuing a career in agriculture, agribusiness, or agritechnology in honor of Norma O'Leary, an active and dynamic longtime dairy farmer, tireless volunteer, friend, former RC&D Board Member, and champion of local agriculture in Connecticut.

(1) Linda B. Krause Conservation Scholarship - \$500 for students pursuing a post-secondary technical school or college career in conservation. The CT RC&D Scholarship Committee will select one winner each year to receive the Linda B. Krause Conservation Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior or a post-secondary education student who is pursuing a career in natural sciences, conservation or community planning in honor of Linda B. Krause, a longtime Connecticut leader in government, conservation, and community land use planning.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Seeking graduating high school seniors pursuing a career in agriculture or conservation, and college students currently matriculated in an agriculture or conservation degree program.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and plan to attend a two or four-year college or technical school.
- Scholarship funds will be paid ***in December 2020 or January 2021 for the second semester of the student's first year.***
- High School applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program. ***CT RC&D recommends that each high school present this opportunity to the strongest applicants who match this program's guidelines.*** Application deadline is **April 30, 2020 by 4 pm.** Late applications will not be accepted.

Mail one copy of a completed typed application package to:
*This includes application with signoff by Guidance Department,
essay, resume, and school transcript.*

CT RC&D Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 70
Haddam, CT 06438

The applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected by a committee consisting of CT RC&D Council Members volunteers. Recipients will be notified via phone and email by May 8, 2020. The scholarships will be awarded at the CT RC&D Annual Meeting in June 2020. Scholarship recipients will be notified of the Annual Meeting date and location.

Applications may be downloaded from the CT RC&D website at ctrcd.org.

Please submit any questions to: aperes@ctrcd.org



2020 CT RC&D SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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| <i>Please write legibly.</i> | |
| 1. | Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ |
| 2. | Mailing Address Street: City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ |
| 3. | Daytime Telephone Number: () Email Address: _____ |
| 4. | Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Gender: _____ |
| 5. | Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) <i>Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.</i> |
| 6. | Are you the first person in your family to attend college: YES ___ NO ___ |
| 7. | Name and location of High School, Technical School, or College attending: |
| 8. | (Please attach a separate sheet as needed) A. List any academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school and college: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community: |
| 9. | A. For High School students, if you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name: B. If not, list your top 3 college choices: |
| 10. | Is your parent or legal guardian an employee or council member of CT RC&D? Yes _____ No _____ |
| 11. | Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): <i>(Include address if different than your own listed in Q #2)</i> Name(s): Street: City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____ Work phone: _____ |
| 12. | On a separate sheet, please indicate which scholarship you are applying for, and write an essay (no more than 500 words) answering the following: Describe why you are pursuing a career in agriculture or conservation. What motivated you to choose this career? Discuss in your essay any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond. |



STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the CT RC&D's scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to CT RC&D.

Name of Guidance Counselor submitting the application: _____

High School: _____

Contact Information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ **Date:** _____



Checklist:

- Application
- Essay
- Resume/Activity Sheet
- Guidance Counselor Signature
- School Transcript

Mail or Email Complete Application Package to CT RC&D at:

CT RC&D Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 70

Haddam, CT 06438

aperes@ctrctd.org

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the CT RC&D Office is:

April 30, 2020 by 4 pm.

NO EXCEPTIONS