

The Mission Of the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide technical, educational and financial resources to the citizens of Prince Edward, Nottoway, and Amelia Counties in order to promote the wise use and conservation of soil, water and related resources. The PSWCD is an Organization of elected and appointed volunteers and trained staff that guides decision-makers and stakeholders in the conservation of soil and water.

## **Lindy Hamlett Educational Scholarship**

### **2017 Guidelines**

#### **Purpose:**

The Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District desires to encourage Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward County students to pursue college level training in technical fields with natural resource conservation and environmental protection and pledges financial support to students majoring in or showing a strong desire to major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies.

#### **Criteria:**

**Three** scholarships *for students residing* in Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward counties will be awarded annually on behalf of Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District to the applicants that demonstrate an active interest in conservation.

The applicant must be a full-time student enrolled in or who has applied to a college level curriculum. Applicants shall document a class ranking in the top 20% of his or her graduation class or a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement. Applicants shall demonstrate active interest in conservation. **Eligible applicants must reside within Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward counties for the Piedmont scholarship.** Past awardees are eligible to apply. Applicants not fulfilling minimum criteria shall not be considered.

#### **Application**

Application must be fully completed. Attach additional information as needed. **The applicant's most recent official high school or college transcript must accompany the application. A copy of a school transcript will not be accepted.**

#### **Amount Awarded:**

One thousand dollars (\$1,000) will be given to each selected applicant. A check will be issued to the selected school in the student's name. A college student ID number will be required in order to issue the check.

#### **Deadlines**

**March 1, 2017**                      **Applications must be returned to Piedmont SWCD Office**

March 28, 2017                      Scholarship award winners for the District will be announced. Piedmont SWCD will forward the highest ranked applicant that meets the VASWCD eligibility criteria (only college freshman level students who are enrolled in or have applied to a college freshman level curriculum) to the VASWCD office for review and screening for the VASWCD Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Awards Program for One thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be given to four (4) statewide winners.

May 2017                              VASWCD Educational Foundation Scholarship winners will be announced.

Submitted applications will be reviewed and screened by the Piedmont SWCD Education Committee and their recommendation will be submitted to the Piedmont SWCD Board of Directors for final approval. All applications and information contained therein shall remain confidential.