



Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District

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Serving Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties

Lindy Hamlett Educational Scholarship 2018 College Scholarship Guidelines and Application

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. Piedmont SWCD will forward the highest ranked applicant that meets the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) Educational Foundation 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. The VASWCD Educational Foundation, Inc. will award four one thousand dollars (\$1,000) scholarships to be given to four (4) statewide winners.

Piedmont SWCD Scholarship eligibility:

The applicant must be a full-time student enrolled in or who has applied to a college **undergraduate** level curriculum. Applicants shall document a class ranking in the top 20% of his or her high school graduation class or a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement. Applicants shall demonstrate an active interest in conservation and should be pursuing a major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. **Eligible applicants must reside within Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward counties.** Past awardees are eligible to apply. Applicants not fulfilling minimum criteria will not be considered.

VASWCD Educational Foundation Scholarship eligibility:

The applicant must be a full-time student who has applied to a college **freshman** level curriculum. Applicants shall document a class ranking in the top 20% of his or her high school graduation class or a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement. Applicants shall demonstrate an active interest in conservation and should be pursuing a major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. **Eligible applicants must reside within Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward counties.** Applicants not fulfilling minimum criteria will not be considered.

Application:

The Piedmont SWCD uses the same application form for both the Piedmont SWCD Scholarship and the VASWCD Educational Foundation Scholarship Program. Applicants must only submit one copy of the application to the Piedmont SWCD for consideration for one or both scholarships. Applications 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.** The points indicated on the application will act as a guide only for the committee in the selection process for the Piedmont SWCD scholarships. Preference may be given to applicants who have not previously received a Piedmont SWCD scholarship. The VASWCD scholarship will utilize the points indicated on the application in the selection of their scholarship.

(Please note that point system on application may differ from Piedmont SWCD's evaluation sheet.)



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Amount Awarded:

One thousand dollars (\$1,000) will be given to each selected applicant for the Piedmont SWCD Scholarship. 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, 2018 **Submit application to Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District Office**

March 28, 2018 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.

Early May 2018 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.

All programs and services of the Piedmont SWCD and the VASWCD Educational Foundation, Inc. are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or disability.

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