



Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District

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Serving Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties

Lindy Hamlett Educational Scholarship **2020 College Scholarship Guidelines and Application**

Purpose:

The Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) 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.

Applicants must have a **permanent residence in Amelia, Nottoway or Prince Edward County**. Student applicants should show a strong desire to pursue college level training in technical fields with a natural resource conservation and/or environmental protection focus.

Criteria:

Piedmont SWCD will award **three** scholarships to the applicants that demonstrate an active interest in conservation.

Piedmont SWCD will forward the highest ranked applicant that meets eligibility criteria to the VASWCD Education Foundation office for review and screening. The VASWCD Educational Foundation Scholarship Awards Program will grant four \$1,000 scholarships statewide.

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 should have a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement. Applicants should demonstrate an active interest in conservation, and intend to pursue a major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. Past awardees *are* eligible to apply.

Eligible applicants must reside within Amelia, Nottoway or Prince Edward county. Applicants not fulfilling minimum criteria will not be considered.

VASWCD Educational Foundation Scholarship eligibility:

The Piedmont SWCD will forward one application to the Virginia Association SWCD Education Foundation, Inc for consideration of an additional \$1,000 scholarship. Applicant must meet the Piedmont SWCD eligibility requirements.

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 the point system on the application may differ from Piedmont SWCD's evaluation sheet.)

Incomplete applications and students not meeting minimum criteria will not be considered.

Amount Awarded:

Up to 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 2, 2020 **Submit application to Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District Office**

March 23, 2020 Scholarship award winners for PSWCD will be announced. Piedmont SWCD will forward the highest ranked applicant that meets the VASWCD eligibility criteria (full-time students enrolled in or who have applied to a college level curriculum). The VASWCD Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Awards Program will review and screen the candidates. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants statewide.

May 2020 VASWCD Educational Foundation Scholarship winners will be announced.

Submitted applications will be reviewed and screened by the Piedmont SWCD Education Committee. 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.

Address inquires and returned application to:

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