

# NORTH DAKOTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

## Conservation Studies Scholarship

The North Dakota Conservation District Employees Association (NDCDEA) established a scholarship for high school and college students interested in pursuing conservation education. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college students who are residents of North Dakota and intend to or are currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in agricultural/natural resource management/environmental or related field at a two or four-year university in the state of North Dakota. Four scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1000.00 each.

Interested applicants are required to complete the application form and compose an essay of no more than 500 words on the topic chosen by the NDCDEA. Applicants will need to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and be a full-time student. Scholarship will be paid after the President of the Association receives the previous semester's transcript. The \$1000.00 will be sent to the school of attendance unless the recipient is a graduating college senior, in which case the scholarship monies will be paid directly to the recipient. If the scholarship winner does not maintain the 2.5 GPA, the second-place qualifier will be awarded the \$1000.00. Applications and essays must be mailed by **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Essays will be judged by the NDCDEA board of directors. The scholarship winner will be notified following the selection.

### 2026 Conservation Studies Scholarship Topic:

“"Why are native grasslands critical to North Dakota's ecological health, and what management practices help maintain or restore them?"

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