



Sedgwick County Conservation District

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Lynn Buerki Memorial Scholarship Application

Objective:

The Lynn Buerki Memorial scholarship is intended to encourage qualified students to increase their interest in agricultural conservation, to obtain technical competence in some phase of agricultural conservation, and to pursue a career in this area of endeavor.

Eligibility:

An applicant for the scholarship must: (a) reside in or have parents/grandparents who own land in Sedgwick County (b) have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater (on a 4.0 scale); (c) be a high school or first year college student and (d) be enrolled/plan to enroll as a full-time student in an agricultural or natural resource conservation-related curriculum such as agronomy, range management, forestry, geography, agricultural journalism, agriculture education, conservation science, or wildlife management at a school located in Kansas. Other areas of study related to soil and water conservation also qualify. Home-schooled students in Sedgwick County are also eligible.

A current transcript of high school or college grades must be submitted with the application. A one-minute video in the format specified in the Application Form must also be submitted. The application must contain two letters of recommendation to be eligible. One recommendation needs to come from a teacher or professor, the other from a person in the community. Neither can be a relative. The letters must each be submitted in sealed envelopes. **Specifics:**

The Sedgwick County Conservation District (SCCD) awards one \$1000 scholarship annually. The scholarship money will be available for use **after** successful completion of the semester of college following the award announcement. The recipient must have achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). We require the student to bring in a copy of their grades to the SCCD office. The check will be made payable to the student and can be spent on tuition, room and board, or books.

Deadline:

Applications along with reference letters in sealed envelopes and a copy of the applicant's transcript are due to the Sedgwick County Conservation District office by 4:00 pm on March 1st. Applications can be dropped off or mailed to the office which is in the USDA Service Center at 11832 W Central, Suite 100, Wichita KS 67212-5184.

Selection Process:

A committee, including members of the Buerki Family and of the SCCD Board of Supervisors, will review applications. The committee may schedule interviews or ask the applicants for further clarification if needed. A decision will be made by April 1st and the students will be

notified either way. Once notified of being selected, the applicant will need to submit a copy of their college letter of acceptance to the Sedgwick County Conservation District office.