



# Custer County Conservation District 2021 Graduate Scholarship Application

For youth living in Custer County or who have participated in Custer County Agriculture and/or Conservation Activities.

Youth must be planning a career in Agriculture or Conservation related Fields. Scholarship award of \$1,000. **Postmark Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

College and Major planned: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the following questions on a separate page (prefer typed).**

- Q: What does conservation mean to you, what is your interest in conservation? Be specific with what areas you are interested in – for example: Agriculture (soil health), Conservation (water, forestry, wildlife).
- Q: How will you pay for your college? (Explain any additional scholarships, parental/family assistance, work study, financial aid, personal income/savings, work, etc.).
- Q: What efforts have you made to conserve natural resources?
- Q: Have you participated in activities, groups or projects that promote conservation efforts?

**TO BE ELIGIBLE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET:**

- Be a graduating high school senior and reside in Custer County, SD or have actively participated in Custer County agriculture programs and/or conservation activities and efforts.
- Attend a post-secondary institution beginning the fall of 2021 (this may include a Technical Institution).
- Be actively involved with conservation efforts and healthy stewardship of natural resources.
- Submit an essay of 500-1000 words on the topic: “How my future plans will allow me to create a legacy of stewardship of our natural resources”.
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

**Selection criteria will be based on:**

- Essay: 30%
- GPA: 5%
- Financial need: 10%
- Conservation efforts to date: 30%
- Promotion of conservation efforts: 25%

**Submit with the application:**

- Copy of acceptance letter to school or institution
- Letter of recommendation from community member certifying your interest/activity with conservation practices
- Essay
- Transcript with GPA
- Current Photo

**Applications must be sent to Custer County Conservation District by mail or email to:**

Custer County Conservation District  
25363 US Hwy 385  
Custer, SD 57730  
605-373-5680  
[custercd@sdconservation.net](mailto:custercd@sdconservation.net)

Application is available on line at: <https://www.custercountysd.com/conservation-district/>