

National Conservation District Employees Association, INC.

Don Aron Scholarship Fund

OBJECTIVE

To provide financial support to a District Employee or member of their immediate family who is participating in a resource conservation curriculum while enrolled in an accredited college or university. Attainment of a degree is not required.

ELIGIBILITY

If the applicant is a District Employee, they must; (1) be currently employed for a period of one year by a Conservation District of the United States and (2) have demonstrated integrity, ability, and competence in their work and possess skills gained through training or experience and (3) provide information substantiating enrollment at an accredited college or university.

Otherwise, the applicant must; (1) be an immediate family member of a Conservation District employee and (2) demonstrate an interest in soil and water conservation and have the intent to pursue a course of study in natural resource conservation and (3) provide information substantiating enrollment at an accredited college or university. An immediate family member is defined as a spouse, child, parent, stepchild or stepparent. The scholarship is not available to the general public.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Applications may be submitted at www.ncdea.us . Online submission only, no printed applications will be accepted.

The 2025 NCDEA Don Aron Scholarship will be a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to 1 applicant. Scholarship applications will be judged by an external judging panel selected by the NCDEA Scholarship Committee. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1st. Scholarship monies will be disbursed by NCDEA upon receipt of information substantiating enrollment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications for the scholarship must be submitted online at www.ncdea.us by **March 15th** of each calendar year.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Brief description of college course and explanation of how it will benefit you professionally and/or personally (1 page only)

Information substantiating enrollment at an accredited college or university

Most recent high school or college/university transcript

2 Letters of Recommendation

Local Conservation District Letter of Support (substantiating eligibility)

Don Aaron Scholarship Fund Application

****Deadline to Submit Application is March 15th ****

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: _____

COLLEGE MAJOR: _____

Are you a (Check One) DISTRICT EMPLOYEE _____ or FAMILY MEMBER (of employee) _____?

RELATIONSHIP to DISTRICT EMPLOYEE (if family member): _____

NAME OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT: _____

DISTRICT ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

DISTRICT TELEPHONE: _____

List positions of leadership/participation in 4-H, FFA, Student and/or Professional Organizations, etc.; and list community involvement & volunteer experience: _____

Signature of applicant

Date

**** Additional Required Documents*** (applications without these, will be deemed incomplete)

On a separate piece of paper, please type a brief course description and explain how this course will benefit you personally and/or professionally. Why is your course work important to the mission of soil & water conservation? No more than one page.

Applications must also include information substantiating enrollment at an accredited college or university; your most recent high school or college transcript, 2 Letters of Recommendation, and a Letter of Support from the Local Conservation District substantiating applicant's eligibility.