**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**MEMORIAL CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**ONE $1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED FOR 2013**

The NJACD Memorial Conservation Scholarship Fund establishes a continuing memorial to those recognized and honored through monetary contribution for their dedicated service to the conservation of our natural resources. This scholarship is granted to encourage and support qualified students to pursue a career in a field related to the conservation and management of natural resources.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund have been invested to produce a continuing source of income to support scholarships to qualifying students in the field of conservation. Scholarships are funded from the interest earned on the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts Memorial Conservation Scholarship Fund.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Must be a New Jersey resident.

1. Must be a full time student in good standing at an accredited college.
2. Must have successfully completed, or will complete by the scholarship award date, at least

four full semesters of study.

1. Must be an undergraduate enrolled in a major curriculum of agriculture or natural resource conservation, including agronomy, soil science, plant science, forestry, geography, journalism, agricultural education, environmental science, wildlife or fisheries management, environmental engineering, and other areas related to conservation.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

1. Academic commitment to a field of conservation.
2. Demonstrated scholastic ability.
3. Involvement in extra curricular activities or volunteer projects related to conservation.
4. Financial Need

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applications may be obtained from any Soil Conservation District in New Jersey, from the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts, or the State Soil Conservation Committee, PO Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Applications must be submitted by ***December 31, 2013*** to:

Memorial Conservation Scholarship

New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts

c/o NJDA - PO Box 330, Room 204

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

The announcement of the scholarship winners will be made by January 31, 2014

**APPLICATION FORM**

**2013**

**THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

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This official application form must be fully completed to be considered. Additional information referenced to the form numbers may be submitted.

 Date:

 1. Name:

Last First Middle

1. Student or College Address:

Street City Zip Code

 3. Home Address: **Applicant must be a New Jersey Resident**

Street City Zip Code

 4. Telephone Number: [permanent] ( ) [campus] ( )\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 [Cell phone] ( )

 5. Email Address

 6. Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

 7. Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Address:

Street City Zip Code

 8. Occupation of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

9. Academic institution, which you are now attending:

 Name

Street City Zip Code

 10. Major/Minor field of study:

11. Semesters Completed Currently enrolled in semester

 [Must have successfully completed four semesters of study by the Scholarship Award date]

12. Name of college advisor: Tel:

13. Submit official transcript of your courses and grades with application. Indicate date of request for transcript, if not included with application:

 Indicate your current Grade Point Average:

14. What percent of the cost of your education do you personally contribute?

15. By what means? [Please describe briefly]

Grants and/or scholarships (%):

Student Loans (%):

Work (%):

Other (%):

16. Explain, in 500 words or less, why you feel that you are deserving of this scholarship.

 Relate to financial need and commitment to the field. [Attach additional sheet if needed]

17. Describe, in 500 words or less, involvement in extra curricular activities/projects related to

 conservation. List your duties, leadership roles and accomplishments. [Attach additional

 sheet if needed]

18. (Optional) Letters of recommendation and other information to support your selection for

 this scholarship may be submitted with this application.