

Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program Scholarship

The Lower Platte North Natural Resources District offers two \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors in the Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program who plan to pursue higher education relating to science or natural resources.

To qualify for a scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a graduating senior at Newman Grove High School or Schuyler Central High School
- Have completed at least one year as a member of the Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Pro-gram
- Be enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college or university
- Plan to pursue a major or course of study relating to science and/or natural resources
- Return completed scholarship application and supporting materials by Friday, April 12th

Applications will be evaluated by NRD staff and representatives from Newman Grove Public Schools and Schuyler Public Schools. The final award decision will be made by the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors.

Scholarship recipients will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the scholarship upon commencement of their first term, with the remainder being issued upon proof of successful completion of the first term with a GPA of B/3.0 or above. If a scholarship recipient fails to attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university or does not complete their first term with a GPA of at least B/3.0, scholarship funds may be directed to an alternate.

Application Procedure

Applicants should complete the application form in its entirety and provide:

- An essay (750 words or less) stating their chosen course of study, how it relates to science and/or natural resources, and how they believe their experience with the Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program will help them achieve their academic goals
- Copy of their high school grades/transcript with GPA
- Copy of SAT/ACT scores, if available
- Proof of enrollment at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (letter of acceptance, etc)

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 12 for consideration for the fall term.

SHELL CREEK WATERSHED MONITORING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. **ACADEMIC YEAR** – Indicate the academic year for which you are applying for scholarship assistance. _____

2. **MAJOR/COURSE OF STUDY** – Indicate the major or course of study you will be pursuing:

3. **COLLEGE** – Indicate the accredited two- or four-year college or university you will be attending:

4. PERSONAL DATA

<p>Applicant Name (<i>First MI Last</i>):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Primary Residence:</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>Primary Phone _____ Email _____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____</p>

5. **PERSONAL ESSAY** – On **one** separate sheet of paper provide an essay stating your chosen major/course of study, how it relates to science and/or natural resources, and how you believe your experience with the Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program will help you achieve your academic goals.

6. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADES** - Provide a copy of your most recent high school grades/transcript, including GPA.

7. **SAT/ACT SCORES** - If available, provide a copy of your SAT or ACT results.

8. **PROOF OF ENROLLMENT** - Provide proof of enrollment (ie letter of acceptance, tuition statement, or class schedule) from the college/university you will be attending

SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION. Completion of items 1 through 8 above is mandatory. If the information requested does not apply, enter N/A. Applications should be sent to: **Lower Platte North NRD, PO Box 126, Wahoo, NE 68066**, or emailed to lpnnrd@lpnnrd.org.

ELIGIBILITY – To be eligible, an applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

- 1 Be a graduating senior at Newman Grove High School or Schuyler Central High School
- 2 Have completed at least one year as a member of the Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program
- 3 Be enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college or university
- 4 Plan to pursue a major or course of study relating to science and/or natural resources
- 5 All applications and supporting materials must be postmarked no later than April 12 for consideration for the fall term.

Lower Platte North NRD staff and representatives from Newman Grove Public Schools and Schuyler Public Schools will evaluate applications. The Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors will make the final award decision.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information given on this application is true, correct, original and complete, and that I understand and will abide by the scholarship requirements if I am chosen as the recipient.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date:** _____