LOWER PLATTE NORTH
Natural Resources District

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Lower Platte North Natural Resources District Natural Resources Grant

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What is this for: The purpose of this grant is to aid high school students monetarily, to achieve success in a natural resources-based project within their community.

Who is the intended audience: High school students who reside within the Lower Platte North NRD, who are actively involved in a community based natural resources project. These projects may include but are not limited to: FFA supervised agricultural experiences (SAE); seminar class projects; 4-H projects; community engagement projects, and more.

What are the expectations: The expectations of this grant are to plan, implement, and carry out a natural resources-based project within your community. These monies can go towards a project with a clear end date, or an ongoing project that is continuously carried out by existing or new leaders. *Should your project be selected, a small presentation at a monthly committee or board meeting is expected at the completion of your project.*

Application deadline: November 20th, 2026

Overview
The mission at the Lower Platte North NRD is the conservation, preservation, and wise use of our natural resources. The goal of this grant is to award high school students grant monies that will aid them in completing a project that aligns with the mission of our NRD. By outlining your project below, we will assess your needs and rank your grant amongst other submitted proposals. The amount awarded will be based upon your asking, rank, and the number of submitted proposals, with $500 and up to $1500 being awarded respectively.

Statement of need **/50**
In 250 words or less, please describe your statement of need, including why you are seeking this grant and how it connects to your current or future project and the mission statement of the Lower Platte North NRD. Additionally, explain who you think will benefit the most from this project.

Description of Project **/50**
In 500 words or less, please outline your goals, timeline for completion, and your plans for implementation.

Budget and Resources **/50**
Please describe in detail the budget for your proposed project, including the total number of dollars needed and justification for each budget line.

Cover Letter **/25**
Include a one-page cover letter that briefly introduces yourself, your project, and why this is important to you.

Supporting Documents **/25**
Please include one letter of support for this project and any other pertinent documentation.

Sections	Description	Points awarded
Statement of need	Description of project, why they are seeking the grant, and how it connects to our mission statement	/50
Description of project	Their goals are outlined (SMART), timeline is concise, plans for implementation are thorough and achievable.	/50
Budget and Resources	Budget is described in detail with actual numbers and description for each line item included. Total dollars asking: $_____	/50
Cover letter	The one-page letter provides information on who they are, a description of their project, and why this is important to them.	/25
Supporting documents	One letter of support is included for their project. Any other documentation provided is additional but not required.	/25
Additional comments		/200
Questions we have or information we need to proceed.		
Rank=_____	Total dollars being awarded= $_____	