

Notification Procedures

1. Applicants will be notified by June 1 whether they received the scholarship or not.
2. The recipient's Conservation District Manager will be notified of selection results.
3. The Scholarship will be sent directly to the recipient.

For more information about the Conservation Education and Youth Committee or to donate to the Memorial Scholarship Funds visit the website below.

<https://www.kacd.net/youth-education.cfm>

You will find:

1. The rules to the contests we offer.
2. The Conservation Scholarship Program Brochure
3. Contact information for Committee Members



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Conservation Education and Youth
Committee Scholarship Program



K A C D Conservation
Education & Youth Committee
c/o Harvey County
Conservation District
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Newton, KS 67114

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Memorial Scholarships

Memorial Scholarships are presented to recognize and assist college students in achieving their academic goals in natural resources.

The Caroline and Don Peterson Memorial Scholarship

- The scholarship, which benefits juniors and seniors majoring in agronomy/range management, was established in 1996 by the family of Don Peterson, Clifton, Kansas, after his sudden passing in 1995. Don was an active and firm believer in the conservation and protection of our natural resources. He was a member of the Washington County Conservation District Board of Supervisors and a member of the State Conservation Commission in Topeka. Don served 26 years in the United State Air Force, beginning his military career as a pilot. He and his wife Caroline bought their first land in 1968 when Don was stationed at RAF Alconbury in England. After Don's retirement, the couple began farming and ranching at their farm north of Clifton. The couple won the Washington County Soil Conservation Award in 1988. Caroline was a member of the Washington County Conservation District Board of Supervisors and served on the Washington County FSA Committee. Both were graduates of Kansas State University, where they met and were married. The family renamed the scholarship to include Caroline after her unexpected passing in 2020. The scholarship is awarded annually for the fall semester, with applications due in the spring.
- Scholarship Amount and Eligibility
Up to \$1,000 for the fall semester for a full time college junior or senior student majoring in Agronomy/Range Management, or closely related field.

General Memorial Scholarship

- Established in memory of individuals who were active in the conservation and protection of our natural resources. Individual contributions are combined to provide the scholarship(s). A memorial list, if available, will be provided to the scholarship recipient(s) for proper recognition and thanks.
- Scholarship Amount and Establishment
Up to \$1,000 for the fall semester for a full time college Junior or Senior student majoring in a Natural Resource related field.

Application information for both Memorial Scholarships

Application forms are available after January 17th from Fort Hays University and Kansas State University Agriculture Departments, County Conservation Districts, or from the KACD Scholarship Coordinator listed below. Application forms are due by March 15th to KACD Scholarship Coordinator c/o Harvey Co Conservation District 1405 S. Spencer Road Newton KS 67114.

Attachments to the Application need to include a college transcript, a narrative of academic performance and FFA, 4-H, church, high school, college, community activities, promotion of conservation and natural resource protection, work experience during high school and college-including employer, nature of work, skills learned, and short term and long term goals. Selection criteria includes academic performance, leadership, promotion of conservation and protection of natural resources, work experience, and quality of the written application detailing the above information. Applicant may apply for both scholarships but receive only one.