**CUSTER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**2024 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

**General Information to Applicants**

This scholarship is designed to assist graduating seniors of Challis High School who wish to continue their education at a college, university or trade school. In 2024, two to four scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors and/or alumni of Challis High School in the amount of $500 to $1,000.

Please mail the completed application and supporting documents to Karma Bragg, % Custer Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 305, Challis, Idaho 83226 or deliver to Custer Soil and Water Conservation District Office at 1340 Pleasant Avenue.

A complete packet of all required documents for alumni shall be received no later than April 12th, 2024 by 11:30 a.m. MST. Packet(s) received which are missing any required documents, signatures or dates will be eliminated from consideration for this scholarship. Please complete the application by typing or reproducing this form on your own word processor. The application is also available online at <http://www.custerdistrict.org/>

**Graduating Challis High School Senior Scholarship Packets Shall Include:**

* Completed Application Form - signed and dated
* Essay in typed written form, signed and dated. Guidelines include:
  + Font New Times Roman
  + Font Size 12
  + Wording: 500 to 1000 words; 1-2 pages single spaced or 2-4 pages double spaced.
* An official transcript with school seal of applicant’s high school grades including the first semester of applicant’s senior year or the last semester transcript of the applicant’s college or trade school.
* The Applicant must show proof of being accepted at a two- or four- year accredited college, trade school or university.
* Provide one (1) letter of recommendation.

**Scholarship Eligibility Criteria**

1. Applicants must be a senior graduating from Challis High School or alumni applicants (former graduates of Challis High School) must be a returning college student.
2. The Applicant must intend to continue his/her education at a two- or four-year accredited college, trade school or university.
   1. Applicant shall have made application and been accepted to an instituted of higher learning.
   2. Successful applicants must enroll within the academic school year (Fall 2023 or Spring 2024) or forfeit the award.
   3. The Scholarship check will be made out jointly to the applicant and college, trade school or university and mailed to the school.
3. The Applicant shall have an agricultural background or attend college, **trade school** or university in a field related to agriculture.
4. The successful Applicant will be selected based on information provided on the Application and all supporting documents.
5. Student need shall be one of the criteria for selecting scholarship recipients and may be used in determining the award.
6. Other criteria include applicants academic record, demonstrated achievement, leadership and questions answered in the form of an essay.
7. Finalists may be asked to appear for a brief interview.
8. Successful applicants will be notified on or before April 17.
9. Limit of two scholarships per applicant.

**2023 Scholarship Application Form**

**Full Name: Phone Number:**

**Mailing Address: Email Address:**

**City, State, Zip Code:**

**Current GPA: Rank in Class:**

**List School Extra-curricular activity including office held (including outside of school activities)**

**List any honors or awards you have received:**

**List any other pertinent information about your activities that were not included above:**

**List your hours of community service and volunteer work including any office held:**

**List any part time or full time employment during your years in high school or college including summer work. List where you were employed and primary duties:**

**List your hobbies or interests:**

**What college or trade school or university will you be attending? When will you be attending (Fall or Spring)?**

**What are your reasons for selecting this college, trade school or university?**

**What major course of study will you follow?**

**Why did you choose this course of study?**

**What are your career goals?**

**Why do you desire this scholarship?**

**Briefly explain why you think you deserve this scholarship?**

**Briefly explain why you need this scholarship?**

**Please share your knowledge about the Custer Soil and Water Conservation District. Can you describe the purpose and goals of the District or a short paragraph about what we do?**

**Please submit an essay on a separate page on the following Topic:**

**Essay Topic: What is your background and or interest in agriculture and how will your course of study involve or be impacted by Agriculture?**

**Essay Guidelines:**

* Font: Times New Roman
* Font Size: 12
* Wording: 500 to 1,000 words; 1 to 2 pages single spacing or 2-4 pages double spacing.

**I, the Applicant, certify that the above is true and correct.**

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**Signature of Applicant Date**