



CPNRD-RON BISHOP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Central Platte Natural Resources District's college scholarship program was implemented in 2007 and has provided scholarships to 135 students. In 2014, the scholarship name was changed to the CPNRD-Ron Bishop College Scholarship to honor former manager, Ron Bishop, who managed Central Platte NRD from 1972-2013.

Applicants are ranked based on major and essay response. Must be a college sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student seeking a natural resources degree. Five (5) scholarships will be awarded at \$1,000 per student for the 2025-2026 school year. Return applicants and recipients are eligible to apply.

1. **ACADEMIC YEAR** – Indicate the academic year for which you are applying for scholarship assistance.
(What will you be next year?): ___ College Junior ___ College Senior ___ 5th year+

2. **MAJOR** – Indicate below the major you will be studying for the academic year indicated.

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Degree Seeking: _____

3. **INSTITUTION** – Indicate below the college you will be attending for the academic year indicated. Preference will be given to those attending school in Nebraska.

___ University of Nebraska Location: _____

___ Central Community College Location: _____

___ Other Please specify: _____

4. **PERSONAL DATA**

Name (First, Last) _____ Email _____

Cell #: _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No (circle)

Home Address _____ City/Zip Code _____

Parent(s) Name _____ Parent Phone # _____

5. **ESSAY** – On a separate sheet of paper state how you have been involved in natural resources, your future plans regarding natural resources, and why you should receive this scholarship. (400 words or less). **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR CITY ON THE ESSAY PORTION OF YOUR APPLICATION.** CPNRD's Programs Committee will receive applicants names after award recipients have been selected. The Committee will make a recommendation to the CPNRD Board of Directors, who will make the final award decision at their April board meeting. All applicants will be notified by May 1st.

6. **DOCUMENTATION** – Please attach a copy of your cumulative college GPA scores to this application.

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

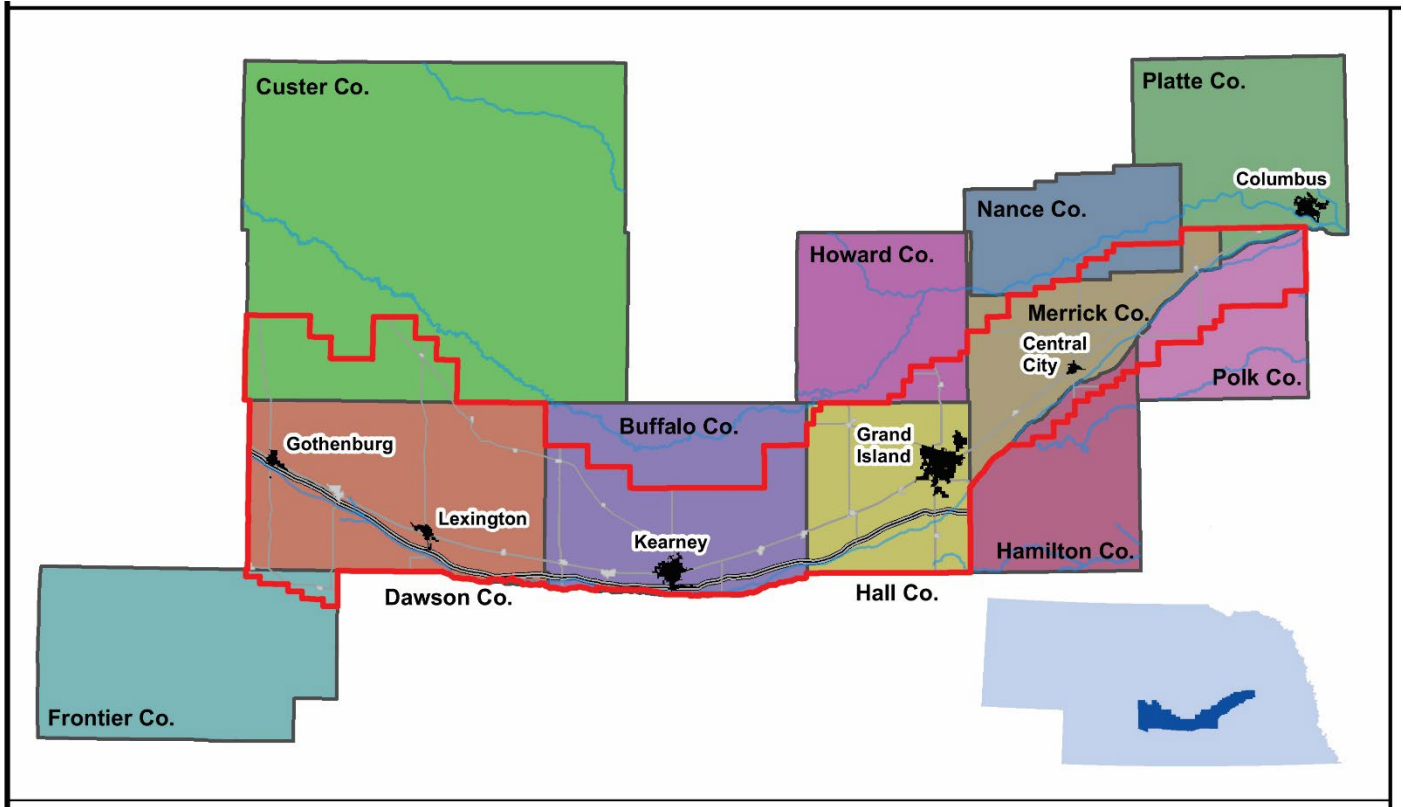
1. Must be a resident of the Central Platte Natural Resources District (*see Map on Page 2 of this application*).
2. Must be attending an accredited post-secondary institution during the **2024-2025** school year.
3. Application and documentation must be postmarked to CPNRD by the close of business on **June 15th**

QUESTIONS – If you have questions, contact Marcia Lee at (308) 385-6282 or lee@cpnrd.org.

Mail applications to: Marcia Lee, CPNRD, 215 Kaufman Ave. Grand Island NE 68803 or email: lee@cpnrd.org

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD Geographic Boundaries

The CPNRD serves all or parts of 11 counties in the state. You must reside within the red boundary below to qualify for the scholarship program. Contact the Central Platte NRD if you need help clarifying if you and/or your parents are district residents. (308) 385-6282



Some of the careers that qualify for the scholarship:

- Agronomy
- Applied Science/Diversified Agriculture
- Biologist/Biochemistry in Natural Resources
- Engineer: Civil, Mechanical, Chemical
- Conservationist
- Earth/Environmental Science
- Environmental Education
- Fisheries and Wildlife
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Geological Engineering
- Hydrologist, Hydrogeologist
- Mechanized Systems-Soil & Water Conservation
- Rangeland Management
- Resources Conservationist
- Soil Conservationist
- Vocational/Agriculture Educator
- Water Resources Specialist
- Other related fields