



CPNRD - Ron Bishop Memorial College Scholarship Program

Over \$146,000 Awarded since 2007 to Invest in Future Conservation Leaders

Established in 2007, the CPNRD–Ron Bishop Memorial College Scholarship supports students pursuing natural resource–related degrees in honor of Ron Bishop, CPNRD’s general manager from 1972–2013.

Scholarship Details

- **Scholarship Amount:** Five scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded each academic school year.
- **Deadline:** Application is due annually by June 30th
- **Eligibility:** Open to college sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students seeking a degree in natural resources. Applicant or parents must reside within the Central Platte Natural Resources District.
- **Returning Applicants:** Past recipients and returning applicants are eligible to apply.

Application Instructions

2027/2028 Academic Year

Indicate the academic year for which you are applying for scholarship assistance:

___ College Sophomore ___ College Junior ___ College Senior ___ 5th year+

Major

Indicate the major and minor you will be studying:

- **Major:**
- **Minor:**
- **Degree:**

Institution

Indicate the college you’ll be attending. Preference is given to those attending school in Nebraska:

- University of Nebraska Location: _____
- Central Community College Location: _____
- Other Please specify: _____

Personal Data

- **Name (First, Last):** _____ **Student ID #:** _____
- **Email:** _____ **Cell #:** _____
- **U.S. Citizen:** Yes / No (circle) _____
- **Home Address/City/Zip Code:** _____
- **Parent(s) Name & Phone #:** _____



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Mail: Central Platte NRD, 9644 W 13th Street, Wood River NE 68883

Essay Instructions (Required)

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay (400 words or less) addressing the following points:

- How you have been involved in natural resources?
- Your future plans regarding natural resources.
- Why you should receive this scholarship.

Note: Do not include your name or city in the essay portion of your application. The CPNRD's Programs Committee will review the essays anonymously and make recommendations to the Board of Directors, who will make the final decision at their July board meeting. Applicants will be notified by July 30th.

Documentation

Include a copy of your cumulative college GPA scores and essay with this application.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. You or your parents must be a resident of the Central Platte Natural Resources District (see Map below).
2. Be attending an accredited post-secondary institution.
3. Ensure the application and documentation are postmarked by the close of business on June 30th.

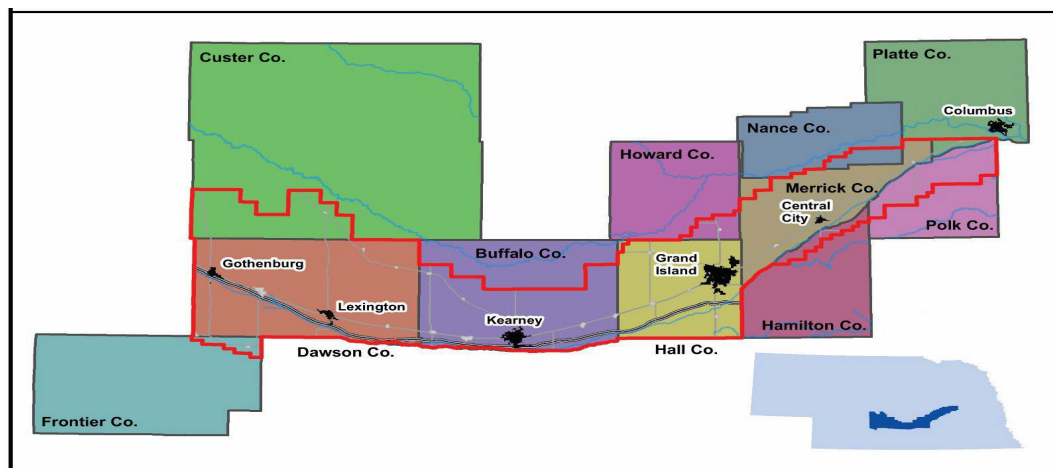
Submission

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Central Platte NRD Geographic Boundaries

CPNRD serves parts of 11 counties. Applicants/parents must reside within the district's boundaries (red line).



Career fields that qualify:

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 System & Water Conservation, Rangeland Management, Resources Conservationist Soil Conservationist, Vocational/Ag Educator, Water Resources Specialist, other related fields