

## **The Plein Environmental Scholarship Fund**

The Plein Environmental Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to benefit students in need of financial assistance who are pursuing a degree at Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) or a Virginia public four-year university.

To see the list of eligible four-year universities, visit <https://www.schev.edu/students/applying-for-college/colleges-universities> and click “Virginia Public Colleges and Universities”.

Each awardee will receive \$5,000 for their studies, given over two semesters in one academic year. Three scholarships will be awarded per academic year.

### **Eligibility for 2024-2025 Scholarship:**

- Student must be either:
  - a graduating high school senior set to attend NVCC or a Virginia four-year public university, or
  - a current student at NVCC or a Virginia four-year public university.
- Student must be pursuing a degree in an environmental field of study. Possible degrees include: Environmental Science, Conservation, Forestry, Biology, Urban Planning, Economics, Public Policy, or otherwise related.
- Student must demonstrate financial need through the submission of a short written statement.
- Student must clearly and compellingly demonstrate why they wish to pursue an environmental field of study, and how they hope to utilize their degree, through the submission of an essay.

Completed applications must be received by **April 26th, 2024**. Applications must be emailed to [scholarship@whfarmfoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@whfarmfoundation.org). Applications must include:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Environmental Service Resume
3. Essay Responses
4. Copy of your high school and/or college transcript

### **Scholarship Awards:**

The selection committee will evaluate applications based upon the applicant’s GPA, essay responses, and financial need. Applicants will be notified by June 1st, 2024. Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the student’s academic institution during the first week of August, 2024.



# WHITE HOUSE FARM FOUNDATION

## Plein Environmental Scholarship Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Record: Please provide a PDF copy of your current high school transcript. College students, please also provide your current college transcript. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

Financial Need: Please write a short statement explaining your financial need.

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Expected School and Major: \_\_\_\_\_

### Resume:

Please attach an “Environmental Service” resume which lists activities you have participated in to learn more about the environment. This is not a formal resume, rather a chance to show your previous commitment to the environment. Examples of activities can include classes on climate change or the environment, volunteer work, extracurriculars, or personal side projects.

### Essay Questions:

1. Tell the story of when you first learned about a particular environmental issue, and why that experience made you want to work in an environmental field. (max 300 words)
2. Write about a time when you respectfully discussed an environmental issue with someone else. Did they agree with your opinion on the issue? Did your viewpoint change after speaking to them? (max 250 words)

OPTIONAL: What is one topic related to the environment that you think is too often ignored? Why do you think it is overlooked? Why is it important to consider? (max 500 words)

I certify that the facts stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any false information will lead to disqualification.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date