



WHITE HOUSE FARM FOUNDATION

The Plein Environmental Scholarship Fund

The Plein Environmental Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to benefit graduating high school seniors, in need of financial assistance, pursuing an associate degree at Northern Virginia Community College and intending to receive admission to a four-year university to pursue a degree in an environment-related field.

Each recipient will receive up to \$15,000 (\$2,500 for first and second year at NVCC and \$5,000 for third and fourth year at a 4-year Virginia public university), as long as the recipient continues to meet the renewal eligibility requirements.

Eligibility for 2022-2023 Scholarship:

Student must be a graduating high school senior set to attend Northern Virginia Community College or a current NVCC student.

Student must be pursuing a two-year associate degree from NVCC with the intention of transferring to a Virginia public four-year university afterward to complete their bachelor's degree.

Student must be pursuing a degree in an environment-related field of study.

Possible degrees include: Environmental Science, Conservation, Environmental Studies, Forestry, or other related fields.

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-related field of study, and how they hope to utilize their degree through the submission of an essay.

Scholarship Renewal Eligibility Requirements:

Once a scholarship has been awarded, recipients of the scholarship must meet eligibility requirements for the scholarship to be renewed in subsequent years. Those requirements include GPA minimums of 3.0, good standing with their respective school systems, and a continued commitment to obtain a degree pertaining to the environment.

Completed applications must be received by **May 30th, 2022**. Applications must be emailed to scholarship@whfarmfoundation.org.

Applications must include:

- Completed Application Form
- Environmental Service Resume
- Essay Responses
- Copy of your high school transcript

Scholarship Awards:

Our selection committee will evaluate applications based upon the applicant's GPA, essay responses, and financial need. Applicants will be notified by **June 15th, 2022**.



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Application

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Current Address: _____

Academic Record: Please attach a copy of your current high school transcript in PDF format.

Current GPA: _____

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

Expected School and Major: _____

Resume:

Please attach an "Environmental Service" resume where you list 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: Please answer the following questions and attach the responses to the application.

1. Tell us 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. What are you most looking forward to learning in your four years of college? *(max 250 words)*
3. Tell us 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 understand that any false information will lead to disqualification.

Signature of Applicant

Date