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Dear Colleague:

RE: Agriculture and Conservation Scholarships

The Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County (RCD) invites local high school seniors to apply for the 2017 **RCD Conservation Scholarship**.

Five scholarships of \$1,000 each will be directly awarded by the RCD Scholarship Committee to students pursuing further education in the fields of resource conservation or agriculture. Applicants may be entering community college or a 4-year college or university. Scholarship recipients will collect their prizes at their school's Senior Awards Night. RCD Conservation Scholarship applications must be received in full by **5pm on Monday, April 10, 2017**. All applicants will be notified by Friday April 28, 2017.

To be eligible students must attend high school within our service area, which covers much of San Diego County – from as far north as Carlsbad and Vista to the Mexican border (please see enclosed map).

Please make the enclosed application available to graduating college-bound seniors and please feel free to share this opportunity with fellow counsellors or teachers with a special interest in environmental / agricultural issues.

An electronic copy of the application can also be downloaded from our website, www.rcdsandiego.org. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Baldrige".

Ann Baldrige
Program Manager
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About this scholarship:

The Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County (RCD) offers **scholarships to encourage students interested in conservation, agriculture, environmental science, natural resources, biology, or natural sciences** to obtain technical expertise and pursue careers in resource conservation or agriculture.

Please contact Kaylie Caires with any questions:

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Resource Conservation District of
Greater San Diego County

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Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County 2017 Conservation Scholarship

Five scholarships of \$1,000 each are available

Who is eligible?

Applicants must:

1. Be **residents** within the RCD of Greater San Diego County's sphere of influence (see map).
2. Have successfully **completed three years** of study at an accredited high school.
3. Be nearing **completion of their fourth year** in high school while maintaining a cumulative **grade point average of 2.5 or better** (on a 4.0 scale).
4. Expect, or have received a "notice of intent", to **enroll in undergraduate college courses related to resource conservation or agriculture**.

How do I apply?

Send the original application plus three copies of all materials to the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County, Attn: Scholarship Committee. Application forms are available through high school career counselors, on the RCD website, or by contacting the RCD.

How are applications evaluated?

Applications will be evaluated as follows:

1. 30% on academics
2. 25% on original essay
3. 25% on student's activities
4. 10% on letters of recommendation
5. 10% on quality of application

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INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

The Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Greater San Diego County is a special district organized under Division 9 of the State Public Resources Code. Our mission is to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance programs.

