



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.



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Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County 2012 Conservation 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.

Five scholarships of \$1000 each are available.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants must:

1. Be **residents** within the RCD of Greater San Diego County's sphere of influence,
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), and
4. Expect, or have received a "notice of intent", to **enroll in undergraduate college courses related to resource conservation or agriculture.**

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, and
5. 10% on quality of application.

How do I Apply?

Send the original plus three copies of the application and supporting 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.

Applications must be received by April 6, 2012.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 6, 2012 OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

What is the Sphere of Influence of the RCD of Greater San Diego County?



Serving the following communities:

Incorporated cities and surrounding communities including:

Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Spring Valley, and Vista.

Unincorporated communities including:

Alpine, Borrego Springs, Campo, Cuyamaca, Descanso, Guatay, Jacumba, Julian, Mt. Laguna, Mt. Palomar, Pine Valley, Potrero, Ramona, and Warner Springs.

Applications will also be accepted from students/residents of areas shown in white in the map above – for example, the southwestern corner of the county, extending from San Diego down to the U.S./Mexico border. These areas are not served by another RCD. For further questions about eligibility, please email info@rcdsandiego.org.

For information about the Sphere of Influence of the Mission RCD (Fallbrook area), please call (760) 728-1332 or visit www.missionred.org.

To learn more about the Upper San Luis Rey RCD (Pauma Valley area), call (760) 742-1909.

9. List high school courses completed, on-campus or off-campus volunteer opportunities, and work experience specifically related to natural resource conservation and/or agriculture:

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10. List all positions of leadership and participation that you have held or now hold (4-H, FFA, student organizations, scouts, etc.):

11. Attach a *one page essay* (500 words or less) describing your background, understanding and attitudes toward natural resource conservation and/or agriculture, objectives of your educational program, and career plans. Also, how will you use your experience to benefit your community?

12. Please include **TWO** *letters of recommendation* with your application. More will not be considered.

13. Attach a photocopy of your most recent *transcript of grades*.

Submit the original plus three copies of the complete application (including this form, your essay, transcript and letters of recommendation) to:

**Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
Attn: Scholarship Committee
11769 Waterhill Rd.
Lakeside, CA 92040**

If I am selected to receive the RCD Scholarship, I give the RCD permission to use my name, school affiliation, and/or photo in public news releases.

Signature of applicant _____ **Date** _____