



**Double El Conservation District**

## Annual Scholarship

Dear Students,

We are pleased to announce Double El Conservation Districts 43rd annual scholarship. An award created to recognize students who have demonstrated a meaningful commitment to service, leadership, and positive change in their communities.

This scholarship is designed to honor individuals who understand that impact is not measured solely by grades, but by empathy, initiative, and the willingness to show up for others. We are especially interested in students who have contributed their time and energy to addressing community needs—whether through volunteer work, advocacy, mentorship, organizing, or service-driven projects.

While academic effort is valued, the primary focus of this scholarship is on character, service, and sustained engagement. Applicants are encouraged to reflect on how their community involvement has shaped their values, influenced their goals, and contributed to the well-being of others.

Eligibility for this scholarship is limited to students who attend Big Sandy School, Calhan School District, or Miami-Yoder School District, or who reside within the Double El Conservation District boundaries.

Additional consideration will be given to applicants who have participated in conservation efforts or whose parents or guardians are cooperators with the Double El Conservation District. These experiences reflect a commitment to stewardship and responsible land and resource management that aligns closely with the mission of this scholarship.

The scholarship awards a total of \$2,500.00, payable over two years. \$1,000.00 will be awarded during the recipient's first year, with the remaining \$1,500.00 awarded during the second year, contingent upon submission of an official transcript demonstrating a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

All application materials must be submitted on or before **April 15<sup>th</sup>** to PO Box 215 Simla, CO 80835 or our office at 504 Washington Ave. Simla, CO 80835. **All responses must be handwritten.** Late, typed, or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who exemplifies compassion, responsibility, and a genuine desire to make a difference. We believe these qualities are essential to leadership and long-term success, both within and beyond the classroom.

We encourage all eligible students who are passionate about service, community involvement and conservation to apply.

Sincerely,  
Double El Conservation District Board of Supervisors

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or legal guardian names:

Father or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box City State Zip Code

School Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Planned Date of Graduation (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

2. What college you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Major you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How are you and your parents involved in natural resource conservation?

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5. Provide your definition of natural resource conservation and what you can do in the future to improve soil conservation? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Please answer questions 6-7 on a separate sheet of paper for each question:

- a. Provide a list of activities you have participated in, offices you have held, and awards you have received while in high school, doing community service or church and club related activities.
- b. Tell us why you do these activities and what your motivation is for them. What have you learned?

7. The following questions (A, B and C) should be answered in an essay format. They are an essential part of your application. Each question should be on a separate piece of paper.

- 7 - A. How do you plan to finance your education?
- 7 - B. How does this plan of education affect your long term goals?
- 7 - C. Describe a situation that presented a challenge for you. How did you respond to the situation, what did you do to work through the challenge, and how did it positively impact your life?

8. Attach two letters of recommendation; one letter must be from a faculty member who has had you as a student.

9. A cover letter from the applicant to the Double E Conservation Scholarship Committee must accompany the application.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in this application is true and correct.

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Signature