

Agriculture/Natural Resources Scholarships – Northern Neck

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders – Scholarships (each \$1,500) available nationally to high school seniors and college students pursuing education in ag-related fields. Students must be from Northumberland, Essex, or Westmoreland County to be eligible to apply. Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Learn more at www.GrowAgLeaders.com and apply at FFA.org/scholarships in late fall.

Colonial Agricultural Education Foundation – Multiple scholarships (\$1500 - \$5000) available to students furthering their education at a college or university (must be a full-time student). Must live within the counties served by Colonial Farm Credit (all Northern Neck counties qualify). Specific eligibility requirements for each scholarship varies, please see this website for more information:

http://www.colonialfarmcredit.com/resources/scholarships.aspx. Applications are to be submitted online by March 1. Questions that arise should be directed to the program coordinator (caef@colonialfarmcredit.com or 804-746-4581 x1155).

Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District (NNSWCD) – Two scholarships are available (\$1000 each). The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) awards one scholarship to a VA high school senior interested in natural resources and the environment. The second scholarship, awarded by the NNSWCD, is available to high school seniors through college juniors with a demonstrated interest in natural resources and the NNSWCD in late February/early March. For more information and an application, contact the NNSWCD at 804-313-9102 x101.

Northern Neck Vegetable Growers Association (NNVGA) – Scholarships available (\$5000/ \$3000/\$2000) to graduating high school seniors through college juniors pursuing an agricultural education. Applications are due in early May, please contact Stephanie Romelczyk at 804-493-8924 or <u>sromelcz@vt.edu</u> for more information and an application.

Northumberland-Lancaster County Farm Bureau – Scholarships available (amount varies by year) for graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in a college or institution of higher learning. Applicants must be a resident of Northumberland or Lancaster County or a member of the Northumberland-Lancaster County Farm Bureau. Preference is given to applicants pursuing a course of study in an agriculture-related field. Applications are due April 1. For more information and an application, contact the Northumberland-Lancaster County Farm Bureau at 804-580-4422.

Richmond County Farm Bureau – Two scholarships available (\$2000 each) to a member of the Richmond County Farm Bureau and/or a Richmond County resident. One scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior; the other scholarship is also available to students already enrolled in an institution of higher learning. Preference is given to youth pursuing a degree in agriculture, forestry, natural resource conservation or environmental education at a Virginia accredited institution. Applications are due in early May. For more information and an application, contact the Richmond County Farm Bureau at 804-333-4410.

Southern States/John Deere – Scholarships available for college students attending Virginia Tech or Virginia State University (see website for other qualifying universities outside VA) and studying agriculture. Please visit http://www.southernstates.com/community/sponsorships/#scholarships for more information and how to apply.

Virginia Crop Improvement Association (VCIA) – Scholarships (up to \$2000) available to Virginia Tech students with an agriculture major. Applications are available at the University and due at the end of December. Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting in February. For more information, contact Tom Hardiman at 804-746-4884 or hardiman@vt.edu.

Westmoreland County Farm Bureau – Up to \$5000 in scholarship money available to college students in the College of Ag and Life Sciences (or equivalent) with a minimum of 45 credit hours. Preference is given to residents of Westmoreland County or Westmoreland County Farm Bureau family members. Applications are due in mid-January and a decision is typically made in mid-March. For more information and an application, contact Dana Boyle at 804-761-2412.

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