



Central Platte Natural Resources District CPNRD - Ron Bishop Memorial College Scholarship Program

The Central Platte Natural Resources District's college scholarship program, established in 2007, has awarded scholarships to 138 students. In 2014, it was renamed the CPNRD-Ron Bishop Memorial College Scholarship in honor of Ron Bishop, the former manager who served from 1972 to 2013.

Scholarship Details

- **Scholarship Amount:** Five scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **Eligibility:** Open to college sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students seeking a degree in natural resources. Students and/or parents must reside within the Central Platte Natural Resources District.
- **Returning Applicants:** Past recipients and returning applicants are eligible to apply.

Application Instructions

Academic Year

Indicate the academic year for which you are applying for scholarship assistance:

- ___ College Sophomore
- ___ College Junior
- ___ College Senior
- ___ 5th year+

Major

Indicate the major and minor you will be studying:

- **Major:**
- **Minor:**
- **Degree:**

Institution

Indicate the college you'll be attending. Preference is given to those attending school in Nebraska:

- University of Nebraska (Location: _____)
- Central Community College (Location: _____)
- Other (Please specify: _____)

Personal Data

- **Name (First, Last):** _____
- **Email:** _____
- **Cell #:** _____
- **U.S. Citizen:** Yes / No (circle) _____
- **Home Address/City/Zip Code:** _____
- **Parent(s) Name & Phone #:** _____

Submit application and documentation to: Central Platte NRD, 215 Kaufman Ave. Grand Island NE 68803
or to Marcia Lee lee@cpnrd.org | Fax: 308-385-6285

Essay Instructions

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay (400 words or less) addressing the following points:

- How you have been involved in natural resources?
- Your future plans regarding natural resources.
- Why you should receive this scholarship.

Note: Do not include your name or city on the essay portion of your application. The CPNRD's Programs Committee will review the essays anonymously and make recommendations to the Board of Directors, who will make the final decision at the June board meeting. Applicants will be notified by July 1st.

Documentation

Attach a copy of your cumulative college GPA scores to this application.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be a resident of the Central Platte Natural Resources District (see Map below).
2. Be attending an accredited post-secondary institution during the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Ensure the application and documentation are postmarked by the close of business on June 15th.

Submission

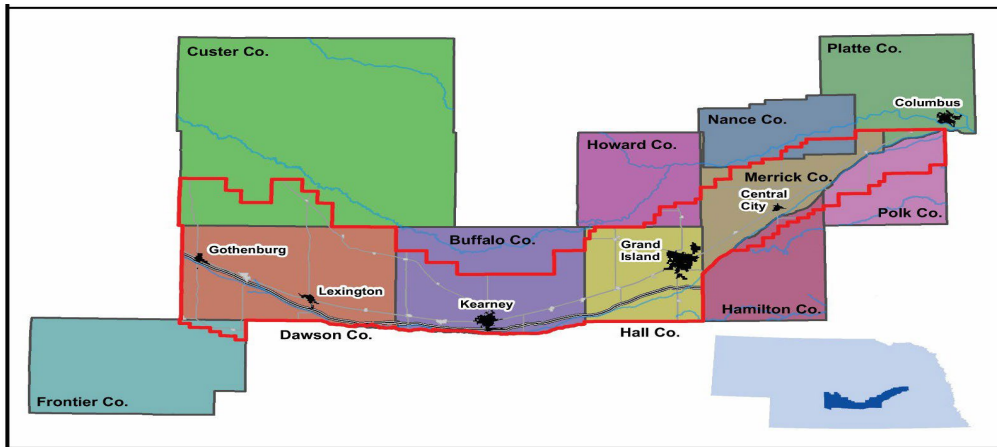
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Eligibility Reference Info:

Central Platte NRD Geographic Boundaries



CPNRD serves parts of 11 counties. Applicants/parents must reside within the district's boundaries (red line).

Career fields that qualify:

Agronomy, Applied Science/Diversified Agriculture, Biologist/Biochemistry in Natural Resources, Engineer: Civil, Mechanical, Chemical Conservationist, Earth/Environmental Science, Environmental Education, Fisheries and Wildlife, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Geological Engineering, Hydrologist, Hydrogeologist, Mechanized System & Water Conservation, Rangeland Management, Resources Conservationist Soil Conservationist, Vocational/Ag Educator, Water Resources Specialist, other related fields

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