**Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District**

**2020 Scholarship Application**

**Application Guidelines**

1. General Information:

A. Scholarship(s) will be awarded in the amount of $500.

 B. Applications are available through the Middle Niobrara NRD office, online at [www.mnnrd.org](http://www.mnnrd.org), and in the guidance office. It is recommended to download the application from the website and mail the completed form along with the other necessary documents to the MNNRD office. It can also be faxed to 402-376-1040.

C. Scholarship candidates may be; a graduating high school senior, currently attending college or vocational school, or a non-traditional student pursuing additional education. Applicants must be a resident of the Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District.

 D. Students must apply within six years of high school graduation.

 E. Scholarships will be accepted at any accredited college, university, junior college, or institution offering accredited degrees.

 F. Students must plan to or be pursuing a degree in, agriculture, natural resource or wildlife related studies.

 G. Scholarship selection will be based on the following criteria:

* Commitment to furthering education
* Academic achievement
* Leadership
* Extra-curricular activities
* Community involvement

 H. Scholarships will not be awarded to a previous recipient.

2. How to Apply:

A. Complete the application form. Spelling and grammar will be considered in the selection process. *Handwritten applications will be disqualified!*

 B. A copy of your most recent transcript, ACT/SAT scores, and a sealed letter of recommendation must accompany your application. This letter should come from an adult who is not a school employee or relative.

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3. Place all information on the Application as directed.

A. A photocopy of the form will be accepted.

B. Applicants may download the form, but the application format must remain **exactly** as it appears on the site.

4. The scholarship can be used at any accredited university, 2-year or 4-year college or technical school.

5. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school upon proof of registration.

6. If circumstances prevent the recipient from using the scholarship for the following college year, the committee will decide whether the situation deems that the scholarship will be held for one year.

7. Finalists will be notified of their acceptance following the April 2020 Middle Niobrara NRD Board of Directors Meeting.

Do not include cover sheets, extra pages or photos. Points will be deducted for not following the directions.

**Application MUST be postmarked on or before April 3, 2020.**

Return completed applications to:

 Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District

 303 East Highway 20

 Valentine, NE 69201

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**NAME** Click here to enter text.

**ADDRESS** Click here to enter text.

**CITY** Click here to enter text. **STATE** Click here to enter text. **ZIP** Click here to enter text.

**TELEPHONE** Click here to enter text.

**E-MAIL ADDRESS** Click here to enter text.

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME** Click here to enter text.

**HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE (that you are currently attending)** Click here to enter text.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF COLLEGE OR TECHNICIAL SCHOOL YOU ARE ATTENDING OR PLANNING TO ATTEND**

Click here to enter text.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE** Click here to enter text.

**CLASS RANK** Click here to enter text. **OUT OF** Click here to enter text. **STUDENTS**

**ACT SCORE** Click here to enter text.

**SAT SCORE** Click here to enter text.

**Include a copy of your ACT/SAT score sheet**

**AREA OF STUDY/MAJOR (be specific)**

Click here to enter text.

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**STATEMENT OF APPLICANT**

I have included:

1. Completed application form

2. Current transcript

3. ACT/SAT score sheet

4. One letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope. This letter should come from an adult who is not a school employee or relative.

*Please note:* ***All*** of the above items ***must*** be submitted or points will be deducted.

**Do not include covers or extra pages**

**Do not include photos**

***Not following these instructions will result in deduction of points on the selection process.***

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information given on this application is true, correct, original and complete.**

***Applicant’s signature*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AWARDED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE NOTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE INFORMATION RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP PAID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Type all answers, handwritten applications will not be accepted. Keep answers under 200 words, use 12 point Times New Roman font and keep answers single spaced.

**1. How does your chosen field of study relate to your future goals?**

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**2. How will your education help you to benefit or enhance conservation and natural resources?**

Click here to enter text.

**3. Describe your work experience (paid or unpaid). What have you gained in knowledge from this experience?**

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**4. What do you think can be done to keep young people in conservation and related natural resources fields?**

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**5. How have you, your family or community benefited from practices applied in conservation and natural resources?**

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**6. Describe your understanding of Nebraska’s system of Natural Resources Districts.**

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**7. How can landowners work together with State and Federal entities in a way that protects that landowner’s property rights and yet addresses environmental and resource concerns?**

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**8. *“Some of the most critical and important battles of the day are being waged against our nation. This includes battles from our own government seeking to destroy private property, production agriculture, local communities, entire economies, natural resource producers and eventually our nation as we know it.” – Anonymous***

**Describe what “sustainability” means to you and how it impacts you now and in the future. What are your goals to achieve sustainability?**

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**9. List any school activities or organizations you are involved in and if you hold a leadership position in the activity or organization:**

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**10. List any non-school related activities you are involved in (ex. civic, church, community service, etc.):**

Click here to enter text.

**11. List any honors or awards you have received:**

Click here to enter text.