



2009 Scholarship
Colorado Big Country RC&D, Inc.
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Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
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Application and Requirements

Background: Colorado Big Country Resource Conservation & Development (CBC) is a not-for-profit organization working in partnership with other organizations and governments to implement projects at the grass roots level in the areas of water conservation, land management, land conservation and community development to enhance the lives of those living in rural northwestern Colorado. Please visit the website at www.coloradobigcountry.org for more information on Colorado Big Country (CBC). CBC serves the 10 northwestern Colorado counties of Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit.

CBC believes it is important for the youth living in it's service area to have the opportunity to receive and benefit from higher education. The CBC board of directors annually sets aside money to provide up to 2 scholarships for youth within it's service area. The CBC board then meets to determine the theme for the essay. This year's essay question is stated below.

Whether you are successful in receiving a CBC scholarship, the CBC Board of Directors and members wish you great success in your higher learning endeavors. You are the future. Good luck!

Eligibility: High school seniors who reside in one of the 10 counties served by CBC are eligible. High school senior applicants must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA for all high school work. Scholarships are awarded for students to attend a trade school, college or university. CBC scholarship recipients are not eligible for renewal. At the sole discretion of the board, if it feels the applicants did not sufficiently meet the criteria established for the scholarships, 1 or both scholarships may not be awarded.

Scholarship number and amount: 2 scholarships of \$1,000 each; ½ given over 2 consecutive semesters.

Requirements for Valid Application:

1. A completed application form. Application should be filled out with either blue or black ink.
2. The essay, answering the essay question. See evaluation criteria below for formatting details.
3. A copy of the most recent school year transcript.

Essay Question: Using the background information from above and information from the CBC website, write an essay entitled: **Solving the (fill in the unmet need) in (fill in your community name)**. Describe an unmet need in your community in one of the four RC&D focus areas (water conservation, land management, land conservation or community development). Describe or tell how you would develop a project to help solve that unmet need. Be as realistic

as possible in your project development and description. The essay may not be longer than 2000 words. Please read the criteria section below for all format details.

Examples of essay titles: **Solving the issue of homelessness in Grand Junction**; or **Solving the issue of young people leaving the family ranch in Walden**. (These are only examples and are not intended to imply an existing need.)

Deadline: **April 20, 2009.** Applications shall be delivered through US Postal Services, postmarked by April 20. Applications postmarked after April 20 will be returned un-opened. Send applications to Colorado Big Country RC&D, 258 Center Drive, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601. Applications may also be dropped off at the CBC office at 258 Center Drive, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601 no later than April 20. Because the application requires signatures, applications may NOT be submitted online.

Award Announcement: Every effort will be made for successful scholarship recipients to receive their award letter at their graduation awards ceremony. Successful applicants will receive notification no later than June 15. The award check will be made out in the name of both the awardee and the trade school, college or university. Award checks will be sent to the trade school, college or university prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

Requirements for Receipt of Award: 50% of the scholarship amount will be awarded the fall semester and 50% the spring semester. Applicants being awarded a scholarship must remain full-time students or be listed as a full time student. If a student changes schools, it is the student's responsibility to notify CBC immediately. Scholarships cannot be converted to cash and are to be used for tuition, books, fees or equipment.

Evaluation Criteria: The application will be judged based on the following criteria. (The total points available is 100.)

Essay- (50 points) The essay titled **Solving the (you fill in the unmet need) in (fill in your community name)** shall be no longer than 2000 words. Use 1 inch margins, 12 pt and double space your essay. Use the last 4 digits of your social security number for identification at top right of each page. Do not put your name on the essay.

Community Service – (25 points) Using the space provided on the application, describe the community service you've been involved in during the last 4 years. Community service may be sponsored by any organization or entity provided the volunteer activity provides service to others.

Transcript - (15 points) Provide a legible copy of your most recent transcript. Because the transcript (and application) will have your name on it, an employee not evaluating the application, will block out the name.

Attendance of School in Colorado – (10 points) While you are not required to attend a school in Colorado, preference will be given to applicants who attend a trade school, college or university in Colorado. Use the space provided on the application to identify your school of choice.

Notes: Do not put your application package in a binder; staple the upper left hand corner. Do not add anything to your application package such as a cover page, photos or letters of recommendation. Your application will be evaluated based only on the required criteria.

Educational Information

High School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Guidance Counselor Name: _____

Special Honors/Awards/Recognition: _____

Which trade school, college or university do you plan to attend attend?

Address: _____

Course of Study: _____

By signing this page of the application, I certify that I understand this scholarship is for a total of \$500 per semester for two consecutive semesters; that I will be attending a trade school, college or university the fall of 2009 as a full time student; if I am not a full time student I am not eligible for scholarship funds and that I have completed the application package for submission for myself.

If selected, I agree to the terms of the scholarship guidelines.

Applicant signature

Parent or guardian signature

Date