

**NDSU**

**NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

BS, MS, PHD

# Natural Resources Management 2009 Scholarship Program

## ***An Annual Student Guide to:***

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- *Scholarship Tips*
- *Scholarships\**
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\* **DEADLINE** – NRM Scholarship applications are due in the NRM office **May 5, 2009**.

*Photo by Kelly Krabbenhoft*



# Scholarship Sources

*The average NDSU student graduates with a loan debt of nearly \$20,000 which means monthly payments of \$220 for ten years. Don't commit yourself to a long string of post-college debt payments! Do your research and apply for as many scholarships as you are qualified. As the saying goes: "You can't win if you don't play!"*

## Scholarships "close-to-home"

- ▶ **University:** Submit the NDSU General Scholarship Application, available at Student Financial Services. The deadline is April 1. <http://www.ndsu.edu/finaid/scholarship/scholarship.html>
- ▶ **College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources:** Visit their web site at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/academics/coaschol.htm> and click on "General Scholarships." See also page 4 of this packet.
- ▶ **College of Science and Mathematics:** Contact the Biological Sciences department at 231-7087.
- ▶ **Departmental:** NRM offers six scholarships. Applications are included in this packet.
- ▶ **Private:** Check with your local businesses, religious organizations, employers, tribal agencies, veterans associations, and fraternal lodges. Many libraries also have books on searching for scholarships. In addition, information on private scholarships is posted on a bulletin board outside the NRM office (Hultz Hall 160) and the Student Financial Services office. Some opportunities are also advertised in the Spectrum. College Information Service provides a free search. You can reach them at 1-800-554-2717.

## Scholarship databases

These services ask for personal information such as age, gender, ethnicity, extracurricular activities and career interests. The best way to utilize scholarship searches is to conduct multiple searches in each database by varying your personal characteristics.

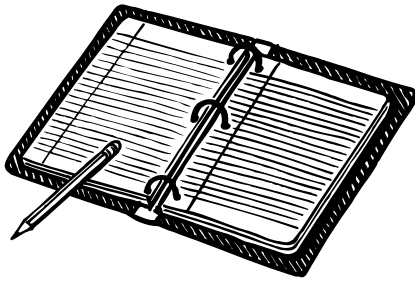
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)
- [www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com)
- [www.princetonreview.com/home.asp](http://www.princetonreview.com/home.asp)
- [www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)
- [www.scholarshipcoach.com](http://www.scholarshipcoach.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com/splash](http://www.collegeboard.com/splash)
- [www.nextstudent.com/](http://www.nextstudent.com/)

## Beware of scams

If you use a scholarship search firm, check it out with the Better Business Bureau or the ND Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-472-2600. Be cautious if you are asked to pay a fee, if you are *guaranteed* to win, if you are a finalist in a contest you never entered, if you are asked to give your bank, credit card or social security number or if the scholarship search firm says they'll do all the work for you.

**That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved.**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Essayist & poet (1803-1882)*



# Scholarship Tips

*Create a strong presentation of yourself and your qualifications by taking the necessary time and care to prepare your scholarship materials well. It's a worthwhile investment!*

*Below are some tips from the NDSU Student Financial Services office and CollegeBoard.com websites to assist you in the scholarship preparation process.*

## **Start early**

Different organizations have different deadlines, but most range from February to May. So it's a good idea to begin the process no later than January.

## **Get Organized**

Create a separate folder for each scholarship and file by application date. Keep a calendar of application deadlines and follow-up appointments.

## **Prepare a portfolio**

Develop a suite of generic, reusable materials that you can customize to fit a particular scholarship. Create reusable application materials and recycle essays. (Caution: change old dates on any reused materials!) Also develop a broad list of people to approach for recommendation letters. Include adults involved in school related activities, such as professors, advisors or coaches.

## **Preview and ask questions**

Carefully read the eligibility requirements. Note the deadline. Read all instructions. If you have any questions at all about the scholarship, do not hesitate to contact the person managing the scholarship. Your chances of receiving a scholarship are greater if your application responds completely and accurately to the requirements.

## **Write it well**

The University of New Mexico offers this great advise to its students: "Remember, in any application (for a job, grant, graduate school, etc.) the powers that be want to know three things: why is it important to you, why it is right for you and why you are right for it. Your application should be built around this message." If you are required to write essays, papers or short responses, take the time to work through several drafts. Your final piece should be clear, concise, well organized, interesting and distinctive. Avoid going over the length limit. Take advantage of the services offered by the Center for Writers on campus (Main Library, Room 6).

## **Give it one last look**

All information you send as part of the application process should be typed or computer generated. Use your computer's spelling and grammar check tools. Proofread all materials! Make sure everything is professional: no white-out, no last minute corrections with a pen, no misspelling, no errors and no crumpled paper. Have someone else proofread your materials again before you send them in. Avoid the temptation of including supporting materials not requested in the application.

## **Keep copies**

Keep copies of everything you send. You can use the material for later reference during the selection process. It may also be helpful when applying for future scholarships.

# CAFSNR Scholarships

## College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR)

The College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources provides one of the best college-based scholarship programs in the Upper Midwest. Scholarships range from \$100 to \$2,000 per year. Some are renewable for up to four years, depending on the student's academic performance.

Funds for scholarships are provided by individuals, companies, foundations and organizations who are aware of the commitment a student must make to complete a college education. They establish these scholarships to encourage students who are willing to pursue academic excellence.

Listed below are general scholarships offered by the college. There is no application process for these—students are considered for a scholarship based on the following criteria:

- full-time and enrolled in the CAFSNR
- cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher
- student meets eligibility requirements specific to the scholarship

Scholarship recipients are notified in the spring and receive their award the following fall. Recipients and donors are recognized at the college's Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in November.

- **Albin and Emma Anderson Memorial Scholarship** - graduate of LaMoure High School
- **Mark and Mary Andrews Scholarship** - graduate student, native of North Dakota
- **Frank Bain Scholarship**
- **Vernon Botsford Scholarship** - resident of Walsh or Grand Forks counties
- **Ralph and Constance Brakke Scholarship** - sophomore, junior or senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- **Busch Agricultural Resources Incorporated Scholarship** - upperclass from barley-growing areas of North Dakota, South Dakota or Minnesota
- **Cass-Clay Creamery Scholarship** - local trade area
- **Genex Harvest States Foundation Scholarship** - incoming freshmen
- **Walter A. Davidson Memorial Scholarship**
- **Dean's Freshman Scholarship** - incoming freshmen
- **Clark Ewen Memorial Scholarship** - preference given to resident of Traill County
- **Beth E. and Rodney C. Hastings Scholarship**
- **Arlon G. Hazen Memorial Scholarship**
- **Clay E. Hector Memorial Scholarship** - North Dakota resident
- **Paul Horn Scholarship** - incoming freshman
- **Clark and Jean Jenkins Scholarship**
- **Kent Jones Memorial Scholarship**
- **Alex Lind Memorial Scholarship** - from Williams County or a graduate of Williston High School
- **Leon and Nettie Mason Family Scholarship** - rotates between College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources and the College of Human Development and Education; junior or senior with minimum 3.0 GPA
- **\*\*George Mikkelson Memorial Scholarship** - Farm Bureau affiliation
- **\*\*Donald Moum Scholarship** - awarded to incoming freshmen, current freshmen, sophomores and juniors
- **LeRoy M. Naves Scholarship** - freshmen from the Bismarck, N.D. area who are graduates of a North Dakota high school, U.S. citizens and current North Dakota residents
- **Wilfred A. Plath Memorial Scholarship** - Farm Bureau affiliation
- **President's Agriculture Club Scholarship** - incoming freshmen
- **Leonard Richards Memorial Scholarship** - family should be shareholder in American Crystal Sugar Co. and involved in production agriculture
- **Riebe Family Scholarship** - Stutsman County resident
- **Olwin Riveland Alpha Zeta Scholarship**
- **John and Jean Rouzie Scholarship** - reside in or near Bowman in the counties of Bowman or Slope, N.D., or Harding, S.D.
- **Gil Stafne Memorial Scholarship** - Farm Bureau affiliation
- **Vernon E. Wendlandt Scholarship** - involvement in agricultural research

\*\*Indicates scholarship was awarded to a NRM student in the past.

# Brett Hovde Memorial Scholarship 2009 Application Form \$500

**Background:** A NRM endowment supports one scholarship for NRM students at NDSU. Brett Hovde (BS '92, MS '94) died October 26, 2001, at the age of 31. Brett enjoyed North Dakota's outdoors, especially from a snowmobile, speed boat, or motorcycle. He wrote his masters thesis at NDSU under the supervision of Dr. Jay A. Leitch on the value of prairie wetlands.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- NRM major pursuing a BS, MS or PhD, with an emphasis in Social Sciences or Natural Resources Economics.
- Minimum number of NDSU semester units completed at the end of Fall 2008:
  - ▶ 24 units for undergraduate students
  - ▶ 15 units for graduate students
- Cumulative NDSU GPA of at least 3.25.
- Member of the NRM Club (obtain current NRM Club president's signature on application form).
- Full-time student in the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR) currently and at time of disbursement of the award (Fall 2009).

**Selection, Award and Recognition:**

- Complete the information below. Staple attachments to this Application Form. Make a copy for your records.
- Deliver to Gretchen Bromley, NRM Student Services Office, Hultz Hall 160, **no later than 5:00 on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.**
- The NRM Scholarship Committee selects one recipient in May.
- Scholarship recipient is notified in May. The actual award is dispersed the following fall.
- Recipient is expected to attend the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in November (invitations are mailed). Pictures will be taken.
- **NOTE: Eligibility and awards are contingent on sustained enrollment in the College and the NRM program through the scholarship period.**

**General Information** (please print legibly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*The above named student is a current member in good standing with the NRM Club.*

Signature of NRM Club president: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments**

1. NDSU transcript (unofficial).
2. A typewritten, 150- to 250-word essay on why you selected NRM as your major. Be sure to include your name.

<b>NRM Student Services Office</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application received _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sent to Committee _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Awarded</b> _____ <b>Not Awarded</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recipient notified _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thank you letter rec'd _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	AFSNR sustained enrollment: <b>OK</b> <b>Revoke</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Luncheon attended: <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pictures distributed _____

# Johnson Neppel Memorial Scholarship 2009 Application Form \$250

**Background:** The Johnson Neppel Memorial Scholarship fund is established in memory of Alfred and Dorothy Johnson and Shirley Johnson Neppel to provide \$250 of scholarship assistance, based on financial need, to a deserving student pursuing an undergraduate degree in Natural Resources Management.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Junior or Senior (a minimum of 60 units completed at NDSU at the end of Fall 2008).
- NRM major.
- Minimum cumulative NDSU GPA of 3.0.
- Full-time student in the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR) at time of disbursement of the award (Fall 2009).

**Selection, Award and Recognition:**

- Complete the application below and staple to it any required attachments (essay, documentation, etc.).
- Deliver to Gretchen Bromley, NRM Student Services Office, Hultz Hall 160, **no later than 5:00 on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.**
- The NRM Scholarship Committee selects one recipient in May.
- Scholarship recipient is notified in May. The actual award is dispersed the following fall.
- Recipient is expected to write a thank you letter to: Gerald and Ruth Johnson, 609 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Breckenridge, MN, 56520. Be sure to send a copy to NRM.
- Recipient is expected to attend the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in November (invitations are mailed). Pictures will be taken.
- **NOTE: Eligibility and awards are contingent on sustained enrollment in the College and the NRM program through the scholarship period.**

**General Information** (please print legibly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date (mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments**

1. NDSU transcript (unofficial).

NRM Student Services Office	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Sent to Committee _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Awarded</b> _____ <b>Not Awarded</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recipient notified _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thank you letter rec'd _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	AFSNR sustained enrollment: <b>OK</b> <b>Revoke</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Luncheon attended: <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pictures distributed _____

# NRM Club Scholarship 2009 Application Form \$300

**Background:** The NDSU NRM Club supports one scholarship for an active club member with proceeds from their annual fund raiser.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- NDSU student pursuing a BS, MS or PhD.
- Full-time student in the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR) currently and at time of disbursement of the award (Fall 2009).
- Minimum of 12 semester units completed at NDSU (at the end of Fall 2008).
- Member of the NRM Club (obtain current NRM Club president's signature on application form).
- Active in NRM Club activities (e.g., meeting attendance, committees, fund raiser, Adopt-A-River, etc.) Other considerations will include length of membership, total units earned, career objective, GPA, hours worked per week, major, other extra-curricular/volunteer activities.

## Selection, Award and Recognition:

- Complete the information below. Staple attachments to this Application Form. Make a copy for your records.
- Deliver to Gretchen Bromley, NRM Student Services Office, Hultz Hall 160, **no later than 5:00 on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.**
- The NRM Club appoints a Scholarship Committee to select one recipient in May.
- Scholarship recipient is notified in May. The actual award is dispersed the following fall.
- Recipient is expected to write a thank you letter to the NDSU NRM Club and send a copy to NRM.
- Recipient is expected to attend the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in November (invitations are mailed). Pictures will be taken.
- **NOTE: Eligibility and awards are contingent on sustained enrollment in the College and the NRM program through the scholarship period.**

## General Information (please print legibly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

NRM Club member for \_\_\_\_\_ semesters.

*The above named student is a current member in good standing with the NRM Club.*

Signature of NRM Club president: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

1. NDSU transcript (unofficial).
2. A typewritten, 250- to 500-word essay to include a statement of your career objective and why you are in the NRM Club. Identify length of membership, committee service, leadership positions, and volunteer work through the Club. Include a description of your other volunteer/community service and extra-curricular activities. If you work, please identify your employer and how many hours you work per week. Be sure to include your name.

NRM Student Services Office	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application received _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sent to Committee _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Awarded _____ Not Awarded _____
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Thank you letter rec'd _____
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Pictures distributed _____