



## Western Waste Services Scholarship Program

Western Waste Services would like to announce that we will award an academic scholarship in the following areas for college-bound students who are pursuing majors in environmental studies, business management, human resources, agriculture, waste management, or agricultural business. Applicants must reside in the city in which they apply. Eligible high schools include: Bliss, Buhl, Canyon Ridge High School, Castleford, Filer, Gooding, Hagerman, Hansen, Jerome, Kimberly, Lighthouse Christian School, Magic Valley High School, Murtaugh, North Valley Academy, Oakley, Shoshone, Twin Falls Christian Academy, Twin Falls High School, Valley, Wendell, and Xavier Charter School.

Western Waste Services, Inc. has established this program to provide scholarships to encourage students to pursue college-level studies and careers in the fields of business management, human resources, agriculture, waste management, or agricultural business. Each scholarship recipient will be chosen by a team of reviewers in accordance with the established criteria. Recipients are chosen for their outstanding academic records and for a well written essay showing his or her dedication to a career that will support the environment.

Please complete the application and forward to:

*Darrick Cooke*

*Western Waste Services, Inc.*

*PO Box 714*

*Jerome, ID 83338*

[darrick@gowesternwaste.com](mailto:darrick@gowesternwaste.com)

**Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2024.**

## **2023/2024 Western Waste Services Scholarship Program**

### **APPLICATION**

*Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 1, 2024*

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Western Waste Services Scholarship will provide a \$2,500.00 scholarship to an eligible student who is committed to college level study in the fields related to environmental studies, business management, human resources, agriculture, waste management, or agricultural business.

### **CRITERIA:**

The scholarship is available to selected, college-bound, graduating high school seniors who:

- have been accepted into a recognized (registered) college level program of study; leading to an Associate or Bachelor's degree in fields related to environmental studies, business management, human resources, agriculture, waste management, or agricultural business;
- are students in eligible high schools: Bliss, Buhl, Canyon Ridge High School, Castleford, Filer, Gooding, Hagerman, Hansen, Jerome, Kimberly, Lighthouse Christian School, Magic Valley High School, Murtaugh, North Valley Academy, Oakley, Shoshone, Twin Falls Christian Academy, Twin Falls High School, Valley, Wendell, or Xavier Charter School;
- are U.S. citizens or possess permanent resident visas at the time of their application;
- can demonstrate academic proficiency or **GPA of 3.25**;
- can provide 2 academic or professional references.

### **APPLICATION:**

Applicants must complete an application form which includes; (1) a two-page essay, (2) copies of high school transcripts, (3) academic or professional references. These materials should be mailed to:

*Darrick Cooke  
Western Waste Services  
PO Box 714  
Jerome, ID 83338*

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### ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:

Write an essay stating your interest in environmental studies, business management, human resources, agriculture, waste management, or agricultural business including **your vision of your possible role in the field** (planning, consulting, design, construction, teaching, research, facility operation or management, regulatory agency work, municipal government, etc.) and **why you have chosen the course of study you are pursuing**. Also, explain how this scholarship will support your educational plans. The essay can be up to two pages long. Please use 12 font and single space with 1" margins. Applicants are advised that the essay is an important scoring element making it important to take great care in providing a well-organized and thought-out essay that addresses all criteria above and uses all the space allotted to develop their essay.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Western Waste will review and pre-screen all applications to determine if the applicant meets the eligibility criteria and that the application is complete. **Applications that do not include the application, two-page essay, transcript(s) and references** will not be considered and will receive a letter of rejection. The remaining applications will be forwarded to the Review Committee. **Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2024.** We expect to announce the recipient on or around **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

### REVIEW PROCESS:

The review committee will read, discuss, and consider all applications received by the deadline date. The committee will select the winners who appear to be best qualified and most promising based on the application and accompanying submissions. Consideration will be given to the applicant's statement of interest and commitment to a career into environmental studies, business management, human resources, agriculture, waste management, or agricultural business; his or her environmental vision, academic record, and any experience in environmental or agricultural management projects. The judges will be the sole decision-makers on the granting of scholarships and are authorized to withhold scholarships if there are no qualified applicants.

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

The winner of the scholarship will be notified by their respective city or county representative by mail, on or around April 1, 2024, with return receipt requested to the address given in the application. If a scholarship winner fails to acknowledge and accept the award in writing to the scholarship coordinator by the given date; his or her award will be forfeited and the scholarship will be awarded to the next highest scoring applicant. Upon verification of the scholarship and the winner's matriculation in college, the scholarship grant will be paid to the college for the student's account.

# Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank/Size: \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address of College:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Chosen Field of Study:

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Extra-Curricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Awards Received:

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## Certification Form

I certify that all information contained in and attached to this application is true and is my own work.

List of Attachments:

- A. Two-page essay which addresses the essay criteria.
- B. Most current and available copy of high school transcripts.
- C. Two (2) letters of reference. References may be mailed separately by each reference, but they must also be postmarked by **March 1, 2024**.
- D. Competitive Preference Points: Applicants can receive up to two competitive priority points by submitting a previous essay written for school or other purposes related to the environment.

Note: Applications will not be reviewed if all items are not received or postmarked by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For the applicant's information the reviewers' criteria is listed below:

Criteria	Points
Based on review of the essay the strength of the applicant's intent to pursue a career in environmental, agriculture or agricultural business studies	
Based on review of the essay the strength of the applicant's interest in environmental, agriculture or agricultural business or a related field including what the applicant envisions as his/her possible role in the field.	
Strength of papers applicant has written on any aspect of environmental studies, agriculture or agricultural business or special projects.	
Strength of applicant's course of study and grades.	
Strength of Letters of Recommendation	

