



# Wake Soil and Water Conservation District

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Dear Wake County High School Science Teachers, Envirothon Advisors, FFA Advisors, Environmental and Key Club Leaders, and Guidance Counselors,

It's time to recruit rising sophomore, junior, and senior students for the **2012 Resource Conservation Workshop (RCW)**. Wake Soil & Water Conservation District provides at least one or more full scholarships for one or more Wake County high school students (depending on space availability and budget) to attend this week-long academic event on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh the week of **June 24-June 29, 2012**.

Wake County's selected students will join about 100 other high school students from around the state in **a week of intensive study covering a wide range of conservation topics**—soil characteristics & soil conservation practices; wildlife & fisheries management; forest management; water quality & watershed management; air quality; and innovative research on best management practices to address North Carolina's critical environmental issues.

Please **nominate a rising sophomore, junior, or senior** who has demonstrated an interest in natural resource conservation. Please Note: High school graduates are not eligible and students can only participate once!

It's easy to apply:

- E-mail, snail mail, or fax (919-250-1058) the enclosed application
- with a short letter of recommendation from an adult (teacher, pastor, scout leader, work supervisor, etc. but not your parents)
- by **Deadline: Wednesday; April 11, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.**

The competitive application process involves our District staff conducting a telephone interview with each nominee. The final selection of students is made by the Wake District Board of Supervisors who will pay each student's \$375 workshop fee which covers a dorm room on campus, linens, instructional supplies, insurance, and planned meal functions.

The Wake District also provides each student with a \$100 stipend to cover the cost of 11 meals during field trips, totaling **\$475 per student scholarship**.

Last year Wake District awarded a RCW scholarship to rising senior William Ge from Enloe High School in Raleigh, NC. In years past, our Wake County students have earned college scholarships and cash awards based on the week's culminating exam.

Please announce this wonderful summer opportunity and encourage deserving students to apply today! **What better way for your students to explore the field of conservation than in the field with conservationists?!** We sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sheila B. Jones  
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