



Wake Soil and Water Conservation District

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

It's time to recruit rising sophomore, junior, and senior students for the **2015 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 21-26, 2015**.

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 attached application
- with a short letter of recommendation from an adult (teacher, pastor, scout leader, work supervisor, etc. but not your parents)
- **Deadline: Postmark/Submit by 5pm Friday, March 6, 2015**

The competitive application process involves the Wake District reviewing all applicants' essays on a) their interest in natural resources conservation, b) why they want to attend RCW and what they hope to learn, c) their career plans or how they plan to apply conservation in their life, and d) why s/he is the BEST candidate. 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 RCW scholarships to four students from Broughton, Panther Creek, Sanderson, and Southeast Raleigh High Schools. Daniel Lightfoot from Panther Creek High School in Cary won \$75 for earning 4th Place on the culminating exam. Bridget Knapp from Sanderson High School in Raleigh was nominated by her RCW counselors for the Grady Lane College Scholarship.

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,

Dale Threatt-Taylor
District Director