



# COLORADO

## Colorado Water Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources  
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Denver, CO 80203

### Diane Hoppe Water Scholarship

The Colorado Water Conservation Board is pleased to administer a \$2000 one-year scholarship for a Colorado high school student interested in western water issues planning to attend a public institution of higher education in Colorado.

Diane Hoppe served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 1999-2006 and was the chairwoman of the House Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources Committee, the Water Interim Committee, and the Water Resources Review Committee. She also served as the minority whip. Diane was a founding member of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education and served as president from 2002-07. Governor Hickenlooper appointed Diane to the Colorado Water Conservation Board as the South Platte Basin representative in 2012, and she was elected chairwoman of the board in 2015. Diane passed away on February 27, 2016. Her family worked with the Colorado Water Conservation Board to establish this scholarship in her honor.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Students who will be graduating from high school in the spring of 2023 and are planning to attend a trade school, technical school, community college, or a four-year accredited college in Colorado.
- Students who are currently in their freshmen year (or first year) of trade school, technical school, community college, or a four-year accredited college in Colorado.

#### Additional Criteria:

- Students must be currently enrolled in good standing in a Colorado high school, trade school, technical school, community college, or a four-year accredited college in Colorado.
- High school students must only have one year of education left before their high school graduation date.
- Students must be interested in the topic of Western water.
- Recipients must be willing to attend at least one meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board to make a presentation to the board, after their first year of higher education, describing how their academic pursuits have impacted their interest in or knowledge of water.

#### Preference given to:

- Students interested in pursuing a career in water or water-related fields.
- Students demonstrating leadership in Western water issues or water-related issues

*Please note that applicants who are related to a member of the scholarship selection committee or a Colorado Water Conservation Board employee or board member are not eligible to apply.*

#### APPLICATION

For an application to be considered complete you must include the following:

- Completed application form (make sure both you and your parent/guardian sign the application form)
- Answer all of the short essay questions on a separate sheet of paper
- Transcript(s) of all completed high school work
- A minimum of one recommendation Letter

*Submit all items in one packet.*



## SELECTION PROCESS

Recipients will be selected based on their motivation, goals, letter of reference, and potential for success in their chosen program. Applications may be reviewed by an independent committee.

## AWARDS

One \$2000 scholarship will be awarded this year through a competitive process. Applicants may use this scholarship to attend a trade school, a technical school, a community college, or a 4-year college. Awards can be used toward tuition and fees for full-time or part-time study. Scholarship money must be used within 2 years of the date that the students were notified that they have won an award. Awards will be paid directly to the recipient's school.

## DEADLINE

Applications must be emailed by **April 1, 2023** to be considered by the Selection Committee. The Colorado Water Conservation Board will evaluate and select the 2022 recipient. Applicants will be notified of selection by June 30, 2023. The scholarship recipient(s) must work with the Colorado Water Conservation Board staff to schedule their presentation to the board describing how their academic pursuits have impacted their interest in or knowledge of water. This presentation will be scheduled after the recipient's first year of higher education.

**Email the application form and all required items in one packet to [anna.mauss@state.co.us](mailto:anna.mauss@state.co.us).**

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Mauss – [anna.mauss@state.co.us](mailto:anna.mauss@state.co.us) or 303-866-3441 x3224



## SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

Respond to the following essay questions. Together, these responses should total at least one page but should not exceed three pages.

1. Tell us about your interests and ideas for the future. What would you like to study? What do you want to learn? Why? What is important to you? Is there a specific degree or certification that you would like to earn? How would you use what you learn in the future?
2. What do you consider to be your three most important accomplishments (personal and/or academic) during the past year and why?
3. In what way(s) has water, or water related issues, played a part in your life? How has that influenced your desire to pursue a water related education?
4. Is there anything else you would like the selection committee to know as it considers your application?

## RECOMMENDATION LETTER

Include at least one recommendation letter with your application from someone who knows you well (a teacher, coach, student club/volunteer advisor, employer, etc.). The letter should be on professional letterhead, dated within the last six months, and should speak to your character and motivation, as well as your desire to further your education. *Note: The letter of recommendation cannot be written by a relative.*

## SIGNATURE (Both signatures are required)

I certify that this application and all of the supporting documents (excluding recommendation letters and transcripts) were prepared by me, and all of the information included is accurate and complete. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be asked to provide proof of the information stated on this form. I understand that this information is not provided, or if the information is different than presented in this application, that my scholarship award may be rescinded. If I am selected to receive an award, I agree that my name, photo, award amount, and any information provided about future plans may be used in announcements or articles (ex. Graduation, newspaper) issued by The Denver Foundation, CWCB, or my school. I understand that all recipients will be required to submit a final report and transcript after the academic year is completed. I agree to submit these items by the specified deadline.

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

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_