

# Education Programs - Resource Conservation Workshop

The Resource Conservation Workshop is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in conjunction with the NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation, NC State University Crop and Soil Science Department, and the Soil and Water Conservation Society Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter.

## Workshop Description

The Resource Conservation Workshop is a weeklong workshop and involves study and hands on participation in a wide range of conservation topics. Students are housed at NC State University campus dormitories under the guidance of live-in counselors. In order to achieve success, students should come prepared to meet the primary objective of the workshop -- learning about natural resources and their management in today's global environment. Awards and scholarships can be won and are presented to students under several awards programs.

For an insider's look at activities during the Resource Conservation Workshop, please see a [promotional video](#) prepared by the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Participants

The Resource Conservation Workshop is designed to accommodate up to 104 students. The student slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, as registrations with specific student's names are received. The eight Association Areas each nominate and financially sponsor two individuals who act as counselors and guides to a small group of students.

## Participant Eligibility

Students who have demonstrated an interest in natural resource conservation and are nominated by their local soil and water conservation districts are eligible. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND. The Districts should give priority to rising juniors and seniors. Students may participate only one time in this workshop.

## Awards

- Conservation District Employees Association Award: Amount of Award: \$1,000.00 college scholarship\*; sponsored by the NC Conservation District Employee's Association; selection criteria:
  - Student interested in subject matter, not only respecting and responding to teachers but also participating in activities;

- Student planning for higher education in field of Natural Resources, Environmental Science, or other related subject;
- Student must achieve a satisfactory grade (at least 75%) on the final examination administered at the RCW;
- Preference will be given to a student who is related to a district employee;
- Student may have financial need.
- S. Grady Lane Award: Purpose: to provide financial support to a student participating in the RCW when he/she enrolls in an accredited college/university. The scholarship is designed to perpetuate the high standards of personal conduct, dedication, loyalty and integrity exemplified by Mr. S. Grady Lane. Amount of Award: \$100 cash and \$500 college scholarship\*; selection criteria:
  - Student must be interested in soil and water conservation and have intent to pursue a course of study in discipline pertaining to soil and water conservation;
  - Student must achieve a satisfactory grade (at least 75%) on the final examination administered at the RCW;
  - Student must demonstrate interest, cooperation, a positive attitude, and excellent behavior throughout the RCW;
  - Preference will be given to a student whose family is currently active in a soil and water conservation district;
  - Student must have financial need.
- Five other RCW Awards are presented. Winners are selected using academic scores (including the tie-breaker question):
  - 1st Place: Amount of Award: \$100 cash and \$500 college scholarship\*
  - 2nd Place: Amount of Award: \$100 cash and \$275 college scholarship\*
  - 3rd Place: Amount of Award: \$100 cash
  - 4th Place: Amount of Award: \$75 cash
  - 5th Place: Amount of Award: \$50 cash

\*Please note that scholarship funds are received when the student enrolls in college, and must be claimed within 5-years of the award date.

### Workshop Dates

The Resource Conservation Workshop is usually held during the last two weeks in June. The Resource Conservation Workshop Planning Committee will issue the upcoming workshop dates and registration materials no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Student registration opens November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Counselors

Counselors are selected by Association Areas. Areas agree to pay Counselor registration fees and travel allowances. Area Chairpersons will forward counselor names and registration fees to the Division of Soil and Water Conservation not later than May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

For more information, please contact Ralston James at [ralston.james@ncagr.gov](mailto:ralston.james@ncagr.gov).

## *2018 Program Information*

### Dates

June 24 to June 29, 2018

### Place

Sullivan Residence Hall  
NC State University (Central Campus)  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
A NCSU map is available by clicking [HERE](#).

### Registration

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, June 24, 2018

### Program Schedule

- Sunday - Registration, informal outdoor buffet and orientation
- Monday - Classes and outdoor study trips
- Tuesday - Outdoor study trips and career night
- Wednesday - Outdoor study trips and college orientation
- Thursday - Outdoor study trips and picnic dinner
- Friday - Examination, award ceremony (end by 1:30 p.m.)

### Subjects to be Covered

- Soil characteristics and soil conservation
- Wildlife and fisheries management
- Forest management
- Nonagricultural uses for soils
- Water quality and watershed management

## Housing

Students will be housed in Sullivan Residence Hall (air conditioned dormitory) on NCSU campus. Adult counselors will be provided based on one counselor for every 7-8 students.

In case of emergency, call 919.515.2261 (between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.); after 5:00 p.m. call Campus Public Safety at 919.515.3333. Be prepared to identify your student by name along with the specifics of your emergency.

## Meals

During the week, some organized meals will be provided in conjunction with the workshop. There will be several meals that will need to be purchased separately so bring some cash; numerous eating facilities are available in the vicinity of the dormitory where students are housed where additional meals can be purchased.

## Insurance

Students will be fully covered (except for pre-existing conditions) on and off campus throughout the duration of the workshop. Coverage includes up to \$2,500.00 accidental and \$500.00 sickness. Medical services may be provided at the University Infirmary or other health care facilities.

## Eligibility

A student who has demonstrated an interest in natural resource conservation is eligible to attend. High school graduates are not eligible to attend. Priority should be given to sophomores, juniors and seniors. *Students may participate only one time in this workshop.*

## Costs

The cost of the workshop is \$425.00 per student, which will be paid by the sponsoring district. This includes room, linens, instructional supplies, insurance and planned meal functions. A refrigerator and microwave are provided in most rooms.

In addition, the sponsoring district should provide each student with enough money to cover the cost of food other than organized meals and a parking pass for the week (\$20.00). (11 meals - \$100.00 is suggested).

## Clothing

OUTDOOR STUDY TRIPS: There will be activities in the field Monday through Thursday. There will be a considerable amount of walking and outdoor exposure so you should bring a cap or hat, full-length jeans, comfortable closed-toe shoes, socks long enough to cover over pant legs to protect from ticks, and sunscreen to protect against sunburn. You may also want to bring insect repellent.

FRIDAY A.M. AND LUNCH: Casual clothing.

RECREATION: Basketball, volleyball, frisbee, swimming, etc. If you wish to participate, bring appropriate clothing. Students may bring basketballs, footballs, frisbees, etc. for after hours recreation.

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