

# JOHN C. NICHOLSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## College Scholarship Application and Guidelines

Application Deadline: August 30, 2021



### Background

John C. Nicholson spent 44 years working as a Soil Scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Virginia and he absolutely loved his job. He made a meaningful impact in the lives of many colleagues over the years, and his loss in November of 2020 was a heartbreaking shock to all of us. To honor John and his passion for his career, his colleagues and family with the assistance of the Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists (VAPSS), have established a one-time scholarship to be awarded to a student who is currently enrolled in a program focused on soil, agronomy, natural resources, or environmental science.

### Scholarship Amount

To be determined by fundraiser and matching VAPSS funds.

### Eligibility

Applicants must currently be enrolled in a college or university in Virginia in which they are seeking a degree in soil science, agronomy, natural resources, or environmental science. Applicants shall document a 2.5 or greater grade point average. The applicant's most recent **official** school transcript must accompany the application. A photocopy of a school transcript will not be accepted.

### Deadlines

August 30, 2021	Application Deadline
September 20, 2021	Scholarship Award Winner Announced

# JOHN C. NICHOLSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## A. Contact Information

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Educational Background

Attach your most recent **official** transcript. Your official transcript must show the official school seal.

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or intended field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a: Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (High school GPA if you are a freshman.)

Current college advisor name and email: \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Environmental Leadership & Activity Experience

List any environmental leadership or activity experience you may have including participation in Envirothon, Youth Conservation Camp, Environmental/Conservation Clubs, 4-H, etc. Attach additional information as needed.

#### **D. Other Leadership & Activity Experience**

List other organizations and extracurricular activities in which you have or currently are participating. Indicate any activities in which you hold or have held office and note which position. Attach additional information as needed.

#### **E. Volunteer & Employment Experience**

List any volunteer or employment experiences including the employer/organization, your position, brief description of duties, and dates of service. Attach additional information as needed.

**F. Financial Information and Other Circumstances**

1. Are you applying for or will you receive a scholarship or loan from other sources?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

2. If yes, give loan or scholarship sources and amounts:

3. In addition to the above, financing for your education will primarily come from:

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4. Do you have other circumstances (ex. first generation college student) or a compelling personal situation you would like to share?

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**G. References/Letters of Recommendation**

Attach recommendation letters from at least two references, other than family members, who can provide additional information about your academic and community activities. List below details on those from whom you have requested recommendation letters.

1. Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Relation to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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2. Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Relation to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## H. Essays

1. Attach a typed essay of approximately 400-500 words describing yourself, why you selected your major, and your academic and career goals. What are you passionate about and why? How will you make an impact in the realm of environmental sciences and promote leadership in the conservation of natural resources?
2. Attach a typed response of approximately 100-150 words addressing why you deserve this scholarship.

## I. Signatures/Certification

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is under 18 years of age, please have a parent/guardian sign below:

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

*Reminder - Attachments to include: official transcript, letters of recommendation, essays, and any additional information. Contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ with questions.*