



UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT Scholarship Application

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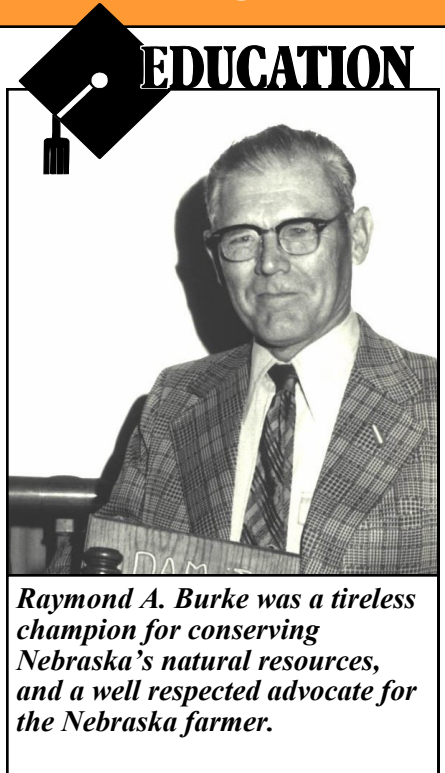
The Raymond A. Burke Scholarship Program

The family of Raymond A. Burke established this scholarship in his memory for the benefit of young men and women interested in pursuing careers in natural resources related fields.

Mr. Burke was a land improvement contractor and farmer with very strong interests in the management of conservation and educating young people. He served for 40 years on the elected boards of the Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District. From time to time, donations memorializing other individuals have been added to the Raymond A. Burke Scholarship Fund. The Upper Big Blue NRD administers two scholarships awarded annually in the amount of \$2,000 each. Below are the qualifications necessary for applying for the Raymond A. Burke Scholarship:

Qualifications: This scholarship is for full-time students meeting the following criteria:

- Permanent home address of the applicant is in the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District.
- Attend, or plan to attend a two-year/four-year Nebraska college or university.
- Are enrolled in a course of study leading to an associate or undergraduate degree in a natural resources related field.
- Intend to enter the work force upon graduation in a "hands-on" position such as soil/water conservation, resources manager, or engineering technician.
- Are not family members of staff/directors of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District.



**Application
DEADLINE**
Friday, March 20, 2026
5:00 p.m.

Scholarship disbursement: The amount of each scholarship is **\$2,000**. The scholarship:

- Will apply to the first quarter or semester the student attends after the scholarship is awarded.
- Will be paid after the quarter or semester is completed.
- Will be paid following receipt of grades from the semester, indicating that the student is in good academic standing with his/her respective educational institution.
- Recipient is responsible for submitting a copy of his/her grades to the Upper Big Blue NRD.

Please complete the following application in its entirety and submit to:
UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Attn: Raymond A. Burke Scholarship Committee
319 East 25th Street
York, NE 68467



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COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM**

Personal Information

Name (Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)
Date of Birth		
Email address		
Parents'/Guardians' Names		
Address		Phone ()
City	State <i>NE</i>	Zip Code
Parents'/Guardians' Occupation(s)		

School Information

Name of high school you have graduated/will graduate from	Grade Point Average
College/University you will attend or are currently attending	ACT/SAT score
Type of degree you are planning to attain (ie. AS, AA, BS, BA, etc.)	
Major/Minor/vocation	
Awards/Honors	

Financial Information

List all scholarships you have received:	
What is the total cost for you to attend school for one year (room, board, books, tuition and fees)?	[A] = \$
How much of this cost will you personally contribute each year?	-[B] = \$
How much of this cost will your parents/guardians contribute each year?	-[C] = \$
Estimate the amount of money you will need (A-B-C=D)	[D] = \$



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Name (Last):

(First):

(Middle Initial):

Please complete the following questions in the space provided or attach a separate document.

What course of study or training will you pursue at your chosen institution? Why have you chosen this field?

Describe your personal and career goals.

What experiences have you had that helped you decide to choose this particular field?

Describe the school and community activities and organizations that you have been involved with, including work if applicable.

IMPORTANT: You must attach three letters of recommendation from people who know you (other than your parents/guardians) in support of this scholarship application. These letters must be received prior to the application deadline. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.**