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Agriculture/Natural Resources Scholarships – Northern Neck

Grow Ag Leaders – Scholarships (each \$1500) available nationally to high school seniors and college students pursuing education in ag-related fields. Sponsored by the Bayer Fund. Learn more at <https://www.fund.bayer.us/grant/2016/11/15/americas-farmers-grow-ag-leaders> and apply at FFA.org/scholarships in late fall.

Colonial Agricultural Education Foundation – Multiple scholarships (\$1500 - \$5000) available to students furthering their education at a college or university (must be a full-time student). Must live within the counties served by Colonial Farm Credit (all Northern Neck counties qualify). Specific eligibility requirements for each scholarship varies, please see this website for more information: <http://www.colonialfarmcredit.com/resources/scholarships.aspx>. Applications are to be submitted online by March 1. Questions that arise should be directed to the program coordinator (caef@colonialfarmcredit.com or 804-746-4581 x1155).

Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District (NNSWCD) – Three scholarships are available (\$1000 each). The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) awards one scholarship to a VA high school senior interested in natural resources and the environment. The second scholarship, *The J.C. Berger Conservation Advancement Scholarship* is open to students with permanent residency within Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, or Westmoreland counties, who will begin a full time, first year college curriculum in natural resource and/or environmental studies. The third scholarship, *The James Edward Minor Ag Stewardship Award* is open to full-time undergraduate college students, with permanent residency within Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, or Westmoreland counties who are enrolled in a college level curriculum in natural resources and/or environmental studies. Applications are due to the NNSWCD in late February/early March. For more information and an application, contact the NNSWCD at 804-313-9102 x105 or email kathleen.watson@nswcd.org

Northern Neck Vegetable Growers Association (NNVGA) – Scholarships available (\$4000/\$3000/\$1000-3) to graduating high school seniors through college juniors pursuing an agricultural education in a 4-year or 2-year program. Applications are due in early May, please contact Stephanie Romelczyk at 804-493-8924 or sromelcz@vt.edu for more information and an application.

Northumberland-Lancaster County Farm Bureau – Scholarships available (amount varies by year) for graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in a college or institution of higher learning. Applicants must be a resident of Northumberland or Lancaster County or a member of the Northumberland-Lancaster County Farm Bureau. Preference is given to applicants pursuing a course of study in an agriculture-related field. Applications are due April 1. For more information and an application, contact the Northumberland-Lancaster County Farm Bureau at 804-580-4422.

Richmond County Farm Bureau – Two scholarships available (\$2000 each) to a member of the Richmond County Farm Bureau and/or a Richmond County resident. One scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior; the other scholarship is also available to students already enrolled in an

institution of higher learning. Preference is given to youth pursuing a degree in agriculture, forestry, natural resource conservation or environmental education at a Virginia accredited institution. Applications are due in early May. For more information and an application, contact the Richmond County Farm Bureau at 804-333-4410.

Virginia Crop Improvement Association (VCIA) – Scholarships (up to \$2000) available to Virginia Tech students with an agriculture major. Applications are available at the University and due at the end of December. Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting in February. For more information, contact Tom Hardiman at 804-746-4884 or hardiman@vt.edu.

Virginia Grain Producers Association (VGPA) – One scholarship (\$1000) available statewide for a current or future full-time student (as of the fall) at a Virginia institution of higher education. Preference will be given to agriculture students and applicants with a close relationship to the VGPA, including: members (or dependents of a member) of the VGPA or an active employee (or dependent of an active employee) of a member of the VGPA. Applications are due at the beginning of April. For more information and an application, visit: <http://www.viriniagrains.com/scholarship/>

Virginia Soybean Association (VSA) – One scholarship (\$500) available to a student pursuing an associate's degree, one scholarship (\$1000) available to a student pursuing an undergraduate degree, and one scholarship (\$1000) available to a student pursuing a graduate degree. All majors may apply, but students intending to pursue a career in an agricultural related field upon graduation are preferred. High school seniors are eligible to apply. VSA members, children of members, or grandchildren of members will be given preference. Applications are available online at www.vasoybean.com and are due in April. For more information, email rachel.gresham@vasoybean.com.

Westmoreland County Farm Bureau – Up to \$5000 in scholarship money available to college students pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related major with a minimum of 30 credit hours in an associate's program or 45 credit hours in a bachelor's program. Preference is given to residents of Westmoreland County or Westmoreland County Farm Bureau family members. Applications are due in mid-January and a decision is typically made in mid-March. For more information and an application, contact Dana Boyle at 804-761-2412 or westmoreland@vafb.com.