

## **DAN GOODMAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

### OBJECTIVE

The Dan Goodman Soil & Water Conservation and Environmental Improvement Award is an annual award that shall be given to one or more deserving high school students residing within Valencia County who have demonstrated a high regard for conservation and the environment. The objective in giving these awards is to stimulate activities, teaching and learning in this area, and to reward those who have been active in conservation.

### WHO CAN APPLY?\*

- Any actively enrolled high school student in Valencia County, grades 9-12, may apply for this award.
- Applicants must document all past projects, services, or workings in soil and water conservation and/or environmental activities.
- Students active in any conservation and/or environmental areas should apply.
- Judging criteria will be based simply on all or any of the following:
  - Farm and ranch experience
  - Experience in environmental issues
  - Past or ongoing projects in these areas
  - Grade point average
  - Class ranking
  - Community service
  - School services and activity in any related organizations (Such as FFA, 4-H, Scouts, church activities)
  - Career plans
  - Post-Secondary education plans
  - Awards and honors given
  - And other criteria that the applicant sees fit to document
- Anyone who has received this award in the past can still apply again with a maximum of two awards per applicant allowed.
- All who have applied and not been selected but are still within the grades 9-12 should consider re-applying in following years.

### APPLICATIONS

- Application blanks may be obtained from your high school administration office or the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District office in Belen.
- Applications for this award must be submitted to the high school administration office, guidance counselor or the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District office by **Friday, April 15th, 2017**.
- Awardees will be notified following the selection at the May 2017 Board meeting.

#### AMOUNT

The Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District will decide on the amount, and number of students who will receive the cash award. Cash awards will be granted to students in each high school district in Valencia County.

#### JUDGING

A review committee composed of members from the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will do the judging. The committee in determining the winner(s) may request individual interviews.

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\* Applications will be accepted and awards made without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, marital status, or disability.



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8. Discuss all past farm and/or ranch experience, or experience in environmental issues:

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9. Discuss all agricultural experience, or experience in environmental issues, leadership roles, and activities that you have participated in during the last year.

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10. List professional societies, civic organizations, important committees, community services, school services, and activity in any related organization, or other significant organizations or activities in which you participated.

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11. List positions of leadership that you have held or now hold (4-H, FFA, Student organizations, etc.):

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12. List honors or special awards received in recognition of your professional or community activities:

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13. List the college or university (include location) where you plan to study.

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14. Do you hold other scholarships at the present time? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

15. Attach a one-page letter outlining your background, attitudes towards conservation or the environment, objectives of your educational program, career plans, etc.

16. You may also attach letter of recommendations to this application (no more than two).

17. References

Give names, addresses, and phone numbers of references:

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Name Office address

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City State Zip code

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Phone number

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Office address

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City State Zip code

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Phone number

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Name Office address

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City State Zip code

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Phone number

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Signature of Applicant Date

- Mail the applications with all supporting materials attached to be received in our office by 5 pm **Friday, April 15th, 2017**.to:  
Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District  
P.O. Box 170, Belen, NM 87002
- Or hand deliver your application with all supporting materials attached by 5 pm **Friday, April 15th, 2017**.to the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Office at 2424 Highway 47, Belen (at the Whitfield Education and Visitor Center) (Phone our office at 864-8914 if you need directions)
- Or hand deliver to your respective high school administrative office or guidance counselor (\*\*\*)The VSWCD Administrator can pick up if enough notice given for pick up by the deadline of **Friday, April 15th, 2017**).