



# Norma Hapgood Scholarship Application

Established 1999

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2021**

The Vya Conservation District is offering Surprise Valley High School and Gerlach High School graduating seniors who meet the criteria below a chance to be awarded a \$500 renewable scholarship. Homeschool or charter school students living within the boundaries of the Vya Conservation District may also apply.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

1. A graduating high school senior with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in their first seven semesters. The high school GPA must be figured according to the rules your high school uses for determining its Honor Roll and transcript grades. Homeschool or charter school students living within the boundaries of the Vya Conservation District may also apply.
2. A student who is already enrolled in a post-secondary approved educational institution (four-year college, two-year college, or a vocational/technical training institute) with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better in the two semesters prior to applying.
3. Must have attended Surprise Valley High School or Gerlach High School for two years and be a graduate of either school, or be a homeschooler or charter school student living within the conservation district boundaries.
4. Must be planning to attend, or continue attending, a recognized post-secondary institution or a vocational technical institution.
5. Must be planning a career in one of the following fields:
  - A. Natural resources
  - B. Agriculture or Veterinary medicine
  - C. Technical fields such as surveying, map making, or engineering
  - D. Automotive or diesel technology
  - E. Fire sciences
  - F. Welding



### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Fill out the cover sheet and mail it to the address below along with the following documents:

1. Essay: Write an essay of 500 to 1,000 words focusing on
  - a) your educational and career goals,
  - b) life experiences that have created interest in your chosen career path and have influenced the goals you have set and,
  - c) your plan for attaining those goals.The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and printed on white paper.
2. An official transcript of your grades showing your overall GPA
  - a) High School Seniors: the first seven semesters of high school
  - b) For those already enrolled in a post-secondary school: the previous two semesters before applying for the scholarship
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Mail the application to:

Vya Conservation District  
NRCS Field Office  
221 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Alturas, CA 96101

Attn. Vya Administrative Assistant

### **PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

Payment will be made upon receipt of a copy of the recipient's first semester transcript for twelve or more credit hours in the semester following the awarding of the scholarship.

\*Awarding of the scholarship will be made at the sole discretion of the Vya Conservation District Board of Supervisors.



## Norma Hapgood Scholarship Cover Sheet

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (Physical): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (Mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach photo here)