

Culebra Range Community Coalition Environmental Scholarship Program

The Culebra Range Community Coalition, CRCC, is a local nonprofit whose work focuses mainly on youth, education or the environment. When two or more of those are combined an effective synergy may develop. The CRCC Environmental Scholarship Program combines all three.....youth, education, and the environment.

We feel that investing in youth and environmental education is an effective strategy for protecting and enhancing the health and beauty of our natural environment.

With that in mind, we started the CRCC Environmental Scholarship Program in 2012 with the award of two \$4,000 college scholarships and each year since we have awarded 3 to 5 more scholarships each year. Through the first nine years of our Scholarship Program we have awarded 34 local students four-year scholarships to colleges and universities around the country.

This Environmental Scholarship opportunity is given through an application process to local students who will be going on to college to study in any field that can benefit our natural environment. We don't want our students to be frightened off by the term "***Environmental Scholarship***" as we will consider a much broader range of majors than you might at first imagine. Our broad definition of "***anything that can benefit the natural environment***" implies that **we will at least consider any major that interacts with or affects the natural environment.....air, water, land and anything that grows on it or lives in it.** We have attached a listing of some, but not all, of the majors we will consider for our Environmental Scholarships.

Our dream with this Environmental Scholarship Program is to help support and inspire a student who will go on to a career in environmental science and who someday in the future may make some significant discovery or improvement to our body of natural science. An even bigger goal of our program, and perhaps more attainable, is to help fund a more general education across a broad variety of majors in a way in which those many

students will develop a new “mindset” or a new way of looking at our interaction with our natural environment and learn new ways how our governments, businesses, farms & ranches, schools and our homes can reduce or mitigate our impact on the environment. From many changed mindsets much good can flow.

This is a local program, awarded to local students, with funds raised from local ranchers and town folk. Every Saturday through the summer and fall the CRCC has the **“Coffee for Causes”** booth at the Trinidad Farmers Market. Here local citizens stop by for a cup of coffee and a home baked cookie for a donation, sometimes only a dollar, for the Environmental Scholarship Program. While the greatest number of donors to the scholarship program come from the many small donations at the **“Coffee for Causes”** booth, the greatest dollar amount of our scholarship donations come from some very generous donors. We are very grateful for all of our donors; large and small. **We should also point out that 100% of all donations go directly into the student’s scholarships**

Students interested in applying can either contact us directly at tomandlindaperry@gmail.com or contact your local high school counselor. Donors willing to partner with us and contribute to this program for our youth and the local environment can contact us at tomandlindaperry@gmail.com. Thanks everyone.

CULEBRA RANGE COMMUNITY COALITION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This \$1000 per year scholarship is payable \$500 per semester and is renewable for up to 4 years. To be eligible, applicant needs to be pursuing any area of study that will benefit the natural environment. This application is for the initial scholarship. After each semester, student will need to meet GPA performance standard, write an essay sharing an environmental lesson learned and share the next semester's schedule with the CRCC Scholarship Review Committee.

Complete this application form and submit by **the end of March** to:
Culebra Range Community Coalition ♦ Scholarship Review Committee ♦ c/o Tom Perry, President
612 S. Chestnut Street ♦ Trinidad, CO 81082 ♦ tomandlindaperry@gmail.com

Five steps to apply:

1. Student applicant to complete items 1 through 14.
2. School counselor or principal complete item 15.
3. Student applicant to write and attach a 500 word essay answering the question *"What led you to choose your major and how do you hope it will impact the environment?"*
4. Please tell us about yourself by answering the following questions in 250 to 300 words each.
 - a. Define a healthy environment and discuss its importance to a community.
 - b. Think of an environmental challenge, explain it from both sides of the issue and suggest a reasonable compromise solution to the challenge.
5. Attach two letters of recommendation.

1. Name of Applicant _____

2. Name of College _____

3. College Major _____

4. College Location _____

5. Have you been accepted to this college? _____

6. Home Phone _____

7. Cell Phone _____

8. Email Address _____

9. Home Address _____ 10. City _____ 11. State ____ 12. Zip _____

13. Student Signature _____ 14. Date _____

15. **School Counselor or Principal**; Please supply the following information if available:

Student ranks ____ in a class of ____ with a cumulative grade point average to date of ____ on a ____ scale.

____ ACT composite or ____ SAT composite

Name and Address of High School _____

Name and Title of School Official _____

Signature _____ Date _____