



La Plata Conservation District
College Scholarship Application
Entering Freshmen and Currently Enrolled Students
2026-2028 Academic Years

The La Plata Conservation District is awarding a two-year scholarship to one qualified La Plata County high school senior who will graduate in May, 2026 or any La Plata County student who is currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000 per year for two years, subject to maintaining a 3.0 grade point average every semester for the duration of the scholarship. The La Plata Conservation District considers the scholarship as an investment in the future by giving a qualified student financial assistance as she/he pursues a degree in higher education.

Applications are available to download at www.laplatacd.org or by emailing office@laplatacd.org. Application forms are available through high school guidance counselors at Animas High School, Bayfield High School, Durango High School, Ignacio High School and at the La Plata County Extension Office in Durango.

Any resident of La Plata County who has been accepted or is currently enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning for the 2026-2028 academic year as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours per semester) may apply. No restrictions will be placed on applications by reason of race, color, religion (creed), age, sex, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation or military status. In the application form, applicants are encouraged to state how their academic and career objectives might relate to the goals of the La Plata Conservation District.

Applications should be submitted by email in a PDF format to office@laplatacd.org or printed and mailed to;

La Plata Conservation District
31 Suttle Street
Durango, CO 81303

by April 1, 2026. Applications will be reviewed by the La Plata Conservation District Board of Directors and the recipient will be notified by mid-May, 2026. The scholarship payments are made on a semester-by-semester basis subject to maintaining a 3.0 GPA. Payment is made directly to the recipient's account at her/his institution of higher learning.

Please email office@laplatacd.org with questions.



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Please include the following in the application packet:

1. The attached form (typed or printed legibly) with required signatures.
2. A 500-word essay (double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font) that includes the following:
 - a. Activities/accomplishments including community service experiences that have been most meaningful to you.
 - b. Reason for selecting your academic major.
 - c. Your career goals.
 - d. A statement of how your academic and career objectives might further the goals of the La Plata Conservation District. (Visit the La Plata Conservation District website at laplatacd.org)
3. Two letters of reference. The letters may come from teachers, counselors, employers or friends. Preference is given to letters that speak to your academic performance.
4. A one-to-two-page resume that includes school attendance, employment history, outstanding scholastic achievements, awards, community service work and extracurricular activities.
5. Official transcript.

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Deadline for receipt of the completed application is April 1, 2026. Notification goes out mid-May to recipient.

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Type or print legibly in black ink

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

City and State: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

If currently enrolled in college/university, please indicate the name of your institution:

Declared Major (and minor if applicable): _____

How did you learn about this application? _____

Release and Certification: I hereby attest that I have been accepted as a full-time student and I have not received a full scholarship from another source. I also give my permission for The La Plata Conservation District to use my parent(s)/guardian(s) names, my name, and my photo for promotional purposes if selected.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s) or guardians(s) names: _____
