

Resource Conservation Workshop

The Resource Conservation Workshop or RCW is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts in conjunction with the NC Division of Soil and Water, NC State University Soil Science Department, and the Soil and Water Conservation Society Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

The RCW is a weeklong workshop and involves study and hands on participation in a wide range of conservation topics. Students are housed at NC State University campus dormitories under the guidance of live-in counselors. In order to achieve success, student should come prepared to meet the primary objective of the workshop—learning about natural resource sand their management in today’s global environment. Awards and scholarships can be won and are presented to students under several awards programs.

PARTICIPANTS

The RCW is designed to accommodate up to 104 students. The student slots will be filled on a first-come, first served basis, as registrations with specific students names are received. The eight Association Areas each nominate and financially sponsor two individuals who act as counselors and guides to a small group of students.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Students who have demonstrated an interest in natural resource conservation and are nominated by their local soil and water conservation district are eligible. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.** The Districts give priority to rising juniors and seniors. Students may participate only one time in this workshop.

AWARDS

- **Conservation District Employees’ Association Award:** Amount of Award: \$1,000.00 college scholarship, sponsored by the NC Conservation District Employees Association
- **S. Grady Lane Award:** Purpose is to provide financial support to a student participating in the RCW when he/she enrolls in an accredited college/university. The scholarship is designed to perpetuate the high standards of personal conduct, dedication, loyalty, and integrity exemplified by Mr. S. Grady Lane. Amount of Award: \$100 cash and a \$500 college scholarship
- **Five Other RCW Awards:** are presented. Winners are selected using academic scores from the test given on Friday.
 - **1st Place:** \$100 cash and \$500 college scholarship
 - **2nd Place:** \$100 cash and \$275 college scholarship
 - **3rd Place:** \$100 cash
 - **4th Place:** \$75 cash
 - **5th Place:** \$50 cash

WORKSHOP DATES

The RCW is usually held during the last two weeks in June. Materials are distributed to schools in October. Student selection is held in March of the following year just prior to the Workshop.

DISTRICT SPONSORSHIP

Districts pay the registration fee for the student to attend and provide a stipend to cover meals that are not provided during the workshop.