

Ouachita Mountains RC&D, Inc.

Resource Conservation and Development

OKLAHOMA SOUTHEAST DISTRICT FORESTRY JUDGING CONTEST

Sponsored by
OUACHITA MOUNTAINS RC&D, INC

SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURES

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ouachita Mountains RC&D Forestry Contest Scholarship Program is to promote a greater interest in the Annual Southeast District Forestry Judging Contests and careers in Forestry Management. **Attainment of a degree in forestry is not required for this program.**

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

A first, second, and third place scholarship will be awarded to the three top-scoring individuals in FFA and 4-H (combined Junior and Senior Divisions) for a total of six scholarships annually.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a Ouachita Mountains RC&D scholarship, an individual must:

1. reside within the Ouachita Mountains RC&D 8-county area of Southeast Oklahoma,
2. be enrolled in a school curriculum of vocational agriculture or be a member of a county 4-H team,
3. compete as an individual on a team designated prior to the start of the contest, AND
4. have the highest combined total point score.

In the case of a tie, the tie-breaking rules described in the current Oklahoma contest rules for FFA or 4-H (whichever applies) will be used.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

A representative of Ouachita Mountains RC&D will announce the scholarship winners during the awards program following the contest. A letter of instruction will be mailed to the winners afterward.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER INFORMATION

- Ouachita Mountains RC&D will present scholarship funds to winners who enroll in an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical or trade school of his/her choice. **Provided that Scholarship winners:**
 1. Enroll within 2 years after graduating from high school*, AND
 2. Are full-time (12 hours) or half-time (6 hours during the summer) students.
- **(Upon enrollment, it is the responsibility of the student to provide the RC&D office with a copy of the Student Billing Statement from the school.)**
- When all of the preceding requirements are met, payment will be sent to the Business or Scholarship Office of the designated institution. Scholarships may be used for tuition, course-related expenses, books, or approved housing costs billed through the school.

*A winner who is awarded other scholarship(s) may, if needed, defer the RC&D scholarship for up to an additional 2 years. **(For deferment, it is the responsibility of the student to furnish the RC&D office with written notice documented by the school.)**

If a scholarship is not claimed within the required timeframe as described above, it will revert to the Ouachita Mountains RC&D Scholarship Program for future use.

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