

## Cherokee County Conservation Steven Nelson Memorial Scholarship

The Cherokee County Conservation Steven Nelson Memorial Scholarship (\$700) will be awarded annually to help a qualified student pursuing a college degree that will allow them to enter into a career in fisheries and wildlife conservation or environmental sciences. This is not a need-based scholarship.

Applications are due April 1 of each year. Applications will be screened and a recommendation made by the Cherokee County Conservation Scholarship Committee. The Board of Directors of Cherokee County Conservation will review the recommendation. If no applicants are qualified, the scholarship will not be awarded.

The scholarship will be awarded/presented by the chairperson or designee of the Board of Directors of Cherokee County Conservation at the May Conservation Board meeting.

Eligibility criteria for the scholarship are as follows:

1. Student of MMCRU or Washington High School
2. A high school senior in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
3. Pursuing a degree in fisheries and wildlife conservation or environmental sciences.
4. ACT score of 20 or above.
5. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate hands-on experience in local conservation.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY CONSERVATION  
STEVEN NELSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_
5. Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_
6. High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Current Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students in Class \_\_\_\_\_
7. Current Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ 8. ACT Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_
9. College and Career Plans (if possible, please be specific about the college/university or school you plan to attend.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Write a minimum 500-word essay about the greatest environmental or conservation challenge in our local area. In what way do you see yourself helping to solve this problem? (Enclose essay with the application).
11. List the 5 most interesting and most significant activities you have participated in or honors you have received while in high school.
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12. Please describe your relevant experiences in conservation efforts or in fisheries or wildlife management.  
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13. Two recommendations (one from a teacher or counselor and one from an additional person) must be enclosed with the application.
14. Completed application including transcript and recommendations is due by April 1st.  
Return to: Cherokee County Conservation Board      OR E-mail to: [cherokeeccb@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeeccb@gmail.com)  
629 River Rd  
Cherokee, IA 51012
15. Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know the best way to contact you:

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Text Yes / No

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cherokee County Conservation  
Steven Nelson Memorial Scholarship  
Letter of Recommendation*

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the capacity in which you have known this candidate:

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Comment on the candidate's strengths to be successful in the field of Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation or Environmental Science:

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Add any additional information that you believe we would want to have in considering this candidate:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_