



**Bartholomew County Conservation Council, Inc.
Bill Newton Scholarship**

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The Bartholomew County Conservation Council, Inc. has offered this scholarship opportunity since 2001 in recognition of Mr. Bill Newton who was instrumental in founding our organization in 1957. We are pleased to offer this scholarship to a selected student every year. Our scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500, which will be paid in two \$750 increments for each of two terms or semesters after enrollment is verified.

Our Mission

We support safety and conservation education programs, including but not limited to Indiana Hunter Education, and 4H shooting sports. We support and promote responsible hunting, fishing, trapping and shooting activities and encourage the wise use of our natural resources for the benefit of mankind. We support sportsmen and women on conservation and natural resources issues legislation at local, state and national levels. We support the Bartholomew County 4-H fair and present a conservation exhibit each year.

Scholarship Application Requirements

Any graduating senior (or previous graduate) from a high school or valid home school program in Bartholomew, Brown, Jackson, Decatur, Shelby, Johnson or Jennings counties of Indiana may apply. The graduate must attend a four-year academic or technical or two-year associate level program. The scholarship may be awarded one time to any one person.

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Your high school transcript (showing grades, attendance, class standing, GPA)
2. Letter of evaluation from your high school counselor
3. Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher
4. Two letters of recommendation from community members unrelated to applicant. (Those providing letters should provide contact information)
5. Any other relevant supporting documents

On separate pages (typed or computer generated and not to exceed 2,500 words), please describe your background and why you believe you should receive this scholarship. Include the answers to the following questions:

1. What does natural resource conservation mean to you and why is it important?

2. Describe your involvement in fishing, hunting, trapping, shooting, archery, and/or natural resource conservation. Which is your favorite and why?
3. In what 4H activities have you participated?
4. What do hunter education and firearm safety mean to you?
5. Why should you receive the Bill Newton Scholarship?

Applications will be selected on the following criteria:

6. Citizenship and community involvement
7. Involvement/participation in 4H, hunter education, fishing, hunting, trapping or shooting.
8. Interest/experience in natural resource conservation
9. Academic performance
10. Correctly completed and timely application.

Mail this completed application and supporting documents to be postmarked no later than April 30, 2024 to:

Bartholomew County Conservation Council
C/O Bill Stott
2040 Cottage Ave
Columbus, IN 47201

Questions: contact Bill Stott at btstott@advantageheatingandair.com

You will receive a response to your application before the end of May.

Applicants signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date