

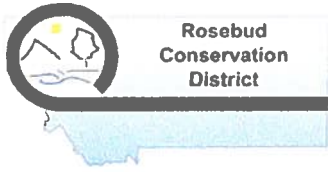
2026 Reg Hoff Memorial Scholarship

The Rosebud Conservation District is now accepting applications for the Reg Hoff Memorial Scholarship program. Each year, \$1,500 in scholarship(s) at a minimum of \$500/award, is available to selected Rosebud County Montana graduating high school seniors and Rosebud County high school graduates who are pursuing higher education in the field of agriculture, conservation, and/or natural resources. Applicants must be a student from Rosebud County, have a 2.5 GPA, and submit an essay with required materials to the Rosebud Conservation District by May 5, 2026.

Reg Hoff, a local farmer and rancher in Forsyth Montana, also served on the Rosebud Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Reg was a dedicated husband, father, and steward of the land who took pride in his family and his operation. Although Reg was a supervisor for four short years, he was involved in conservation most of his lifetime. His successes in farming, ranching, extension, and the work he did with reclamation at the Peabody mine leaves a legacy that reflects his hard work and determination.

The Rosebud Conservation District wishes to continue to honor Reg Hoff through this memorial scholarship. Reg is remembered for his service to the conservation district, his dedication to leadership, encouragement to think outside of the box on conventional farming and ranching along with his drive to always keep learning and sharing that knowledge with others.

To learn more about this opportunity you can call or email Bobbi Vannattan at 406.351.8012 or rosebudcd@rosebudcd.org.



Rosebud Conservation District
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College Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

High School Attended: _____

University/College enrolled in or applied to: _____

Planned course of study:

Required attachments (see page 2):

- Letter of Recommendation from an instructor/mentor
- Official High School Transcript and current college GPA documentation
- Short Essay

I certify that my scholarship application materials are accurate to the best of my knowledge and that my essay is an original work. I understand that application materials will not be returned. If I am selected as a scholarship winner, I understand that information such as my name, hometown, photo, and course of study may be used in media announcements by Rosebud Conservation District.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Requirements:

- o The Rosebud Conservation District (RCD) offers college scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 to qualified local high school seniors and Rosebud County graduates attending college and wishing to pursue degrees in **agriculture, conservation, and/or natural resources field**. Appropriate courses of study may include agriculture, animal/range science, forestry, environmental science/engineering, hydrology, land resources, plant science, ecology, or wildlife biology.
- o Student must **be a Rosebud County High School Graduate**.
- o Student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

In addition to this signed application form, you must submit:

- o A letter of recommendation from an instructor familiar with your work.
- o Your official transcript listing courses taken and grades received (all personal information will be held confidential).
- o An original short essay (up to 500 words) answering the following question:
 1. Why have you chosen the field of natural resources? Describe your experience or community service pertaining to natural resources (e.g., agricultural experience, Envirothon, coursework, FFA, or 4-H) and how you plan to impact natural resources conservation in the future.

Note: We encourage applicants to visit our website (www.rosebudcd.com) and other conservation district/organization websites to gain an understanding of what conservation is and the kind of activities that support it.

Deadline:

- o Completed applications and attached additional information must be received by **May 5, 2026 at 5:00 pm**. Applications may be submitted to RCD at 270 South 3rd Ave. or PO Box 1200, Forsyth, MT 59327

Other information:

- o Scholarship awardees are required to attend an RCD board meeting to meet and talk with the Board of Supervisors about their education plans/goals.
 - o For any questions regarding the scholarship or the application process please contact Rosebud Conservation District at 406-351-8012
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