



# RENSSELAER COUNTY CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

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**Date:** February 2024

**To:** Rensselaer County Public School Counselors/ Public School Foundation Programs

**From:** Frank Dingman, President, Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance (RCCA)

**Re:** Award for Rensselaer County High School Graduate of Class of 2024

The Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance (RCCA), a County- supported organization, established in 1956, to provide County citizens a platform to partner with government officials and local conservation groups to foster interest, projects, and policy pertaining to the improvement of our local environment.

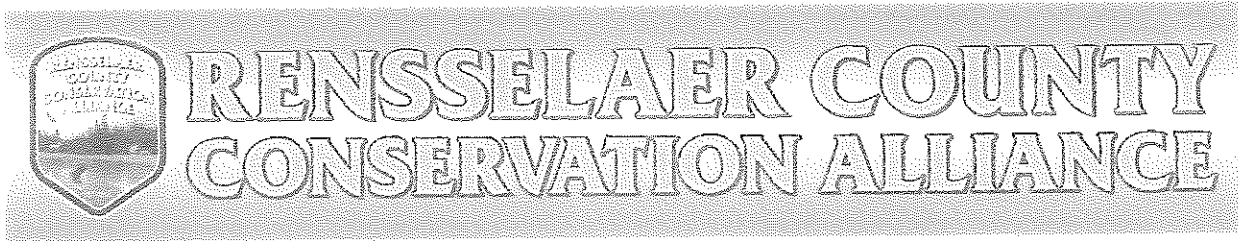
We have established a \$500 RCCA Award, to be awarded to a deserving Rensselaer County high school graduate who has **demonstrated a desire to study a conservation, recreation, forestry, environmental, commercial fishing, or earth studies field.** Acceptance or desire to major in a post secondary program in one of those fields and past community participation documentation is to be shared in the application.

We request that the application be completed by Monday, April 16, 2024, so that if you have a specific awards night, we are prepared to present. If possible, a RCCA representative would like to present the award to the deserving student, per school policy.

Payment will be made to the student either through your School Foundation or directly to the Student, again, per school policy.

I will follow up with your school district shortly to confirm receipt of this application. Also, any students who apply will receive confirmation of receipt of their application by our organization.

Attached is the application to be completed by the student. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me @ [trapperfrank12712@gmail.com](mailto:trapperfrank12712@gmail.com) or phone 518-821-9372.



## **Application for the Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance Award**

Amount to be awarded is \$500 to a deserving Rensselaer County high school graduate who has demonstrated a desire to study a conservation, recreation, forestry, environmental, commercial fishing, or earth studies field. Further education in one of those fields and past community participation documentation to be shared in the application.

The RCCA is a county-wide organization established in 1956, dedicated to fostering all interests, material or otherwise, pertaining to the development and expansion of conservation as applied to reforestation, propagation of fish and game, and development of suitable areas in the county for public park purpose. The RCCA provides a platform for the people of Rensselaer County to express their recreational needs and concerns pertaining to forests, public parks, and fish and game. The organization also serves as a vehicle to work in cooperation with the NYS DEC on issues that our residents have regarding policy, laws, public land access, and land management.

**Directions:** Please complete the attached application and return by Monday, April 16th, 2024, to your school counselor OR Mail to :  
RCCA- Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 179  
West Sand Lake, NY 12196

If you have any questions: Frank Dingman, RCCA President  
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## Applicant Information Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rensselaer County public high school of attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Post High School Education Location \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Major \_\_\_\_\_

Please list recent membership in conservation, outdoor, recreation, or natural resource-related clubs and other organizations- please include year(s) of participation

Please list any participation in conservation, outdoor, recreation, or natural resource-related activities and pursuits including research, monitoring, habitat management

Name and contact information of one (1) reference we may contact

### ESSAY PROMPT:

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, IN 500 WORDS OR LESS- MINIMUM 300 WORDS- PLEASE ANSWER:

- What are your current plans for pursuing a career in conservation, recreation, forestry, environmental, commercial fishing, or an earth studies field?
- What are your goals in one of these fields?
- What have you done in any of these fields to demonstrate your interest?

**Please return completed application and essay to  
RCCA- Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 179, West Sand Lake, NY 12196**