



Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Education and Outreach Program 21-DG-11046000-611

2026 Youth Range Camp Scholarship Contest

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Program Overview

The Nevada Division of Forestry and the Society for Range Management, is proud to offer the 2026 Nevada Conservation Education and Outreach Program Scholarship Contest. This scholarship offers funding for high school aged students to attend this year's Range Camp outside of beautiful McGill, NV. Students will fill out the form below and respond to the essay prompt. Once completed, students can submit application to ndfstewardship@forestry.nv.gov.

Award recipients will receive camp registration (up to \$250 paid directly to the Society of Range Management for their 2026 Range Camp registration) and a certificate of achievement signed by the State Forester Firewarden.

About Youth Range Camp

Since 1961, the Nevada Youth Range Camp has offered educational opportunities for young people to learn about land management practices in a safe and fun learning environment. Range Camp is held every summer in Berry Creek, northeast of McGill, NV. The purpose of the camp is to learn about the relationships between people and rangeland.

Contest Instructions and Rules:

- Fill out the application form on page 3 of this document
- Submit one typed essay per person, as a word or pdf document. No Googledocs will be considered.
- Essays must answer the prompt provided.
- Essays must be between 500-1,000 words (roughly 1-2 pages, single spaced)
- Essays that use AI or plagiarize content will be immediately disqualified.
- All essays must be emailed to ndfstewardship@forestry.nv.gov by April 30, 2026
- Award winners will be notified via email or phone call.
- Award winners will be announced by their high school name and/or county (if homeschooled) only.

This funding opportunity is offered through the United States Forest Service, which is an equal opportunity employer. [To read the full USDA nondiscrimination statement please visit their website, or scan the QR code](#)





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2026 Youth Range Camp Scholarship Essay Prompt

In your own words, tell a story or a few stories of when you were able to connect with a natural space such as a park, your backyard, a farm, a field, a forest, a beach, or so on. Please incorporate three (3) key words from the key word list that you noticed of that ecosystem into your response. Explain what you noticed about these aspects that drew your attention in that space? How did this influence you and your goals as an future steward of Natural Resources?

Key Word List

- Wildlife
- Biodiversity
- Agriculture
- Soils
- Plant community(ies)
- Outdoor space
- Clean Air
- Agroforestry
- Ecology
- Outdoor recreation
- Arboriculture
- Forestry
- Fire resiliency
- Protected species
- Watershed protection
- Water cycle
- Renewable resources
- Carbon management
- Restoration
- Growing cycles
- Habitat management

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2026 Youth Range Camp Scholarship Application

Please email this application along with your essay to ndfstewardship@forestry.nv.gov. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Have you received this scholarship before? Yes No

Student name:

Student email:

Student phone number:

Grade level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

High School Name (Type homeschooled if applicable): County of residence:

School Phone Number School email Anticipated graduation year:

Does your parent or guardian consent to you, the student, applying to this contest? Yes No

Parent or guardian name: Parent or guardian signature: Date:

I, the student, certify that:

- I have received consent from my parent or guardian to apply to this scholarship contest
- I have produced my own work and my thoughts are reflected in my essay
- I understand that the scholarship funding will only be used to pay for my Range Camp registration and will not cover any other expenses or incidentals.
- I understand that in order to attend Range Camp, I must fill out and submit the Range Camp student registration, [available on the Society for Range Management website](#).
- I verify that I have not plagiarized or used AI in any way on this application.
- I understand that the if plagiarism or AI use is detected on my essay, my application will be disqualified.
- I understand that if I no longer plan to attend the 2026 Range Camp, I will promptly notify the Nevada Division of Forestry, by emailing ndfstewardship@forestry.nv.gov
- I Understand that I will be notified by phone or email about my application status, and if my application is selected, the award will be announced using my high school's name and county.

Student signature:

Date: