



## **REDWOOD EMPIRE ANNOUNCES FORESTRY CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Redwood Empire, a division of Pacific States Industries and the Burch Family, is offering scholarships to assist students who plan to obtain a college degree in forestry and participated in one or more Forestry Challenge events.

Qualified applicants will have graduated from high school prior to or in the spring of 2026 and be enrolled full time in a two or four-year program for the fall 2026 term. The course of study should lead to a B.S. degree in Forestry or a closely related field from a Society of American Foresters accredited four-year program.

The deadline for applications is August 14, 2026 and the scholarship will be awarded by September 1, 2026 for the fall 2026 school term, pending approval by the Redwood Empire.

Send completed application to:

[dianedealeyneill@gmail.com](mailto:dianedealeyneill@gmail.com)

Or

Forestry Challenge  
c/o Diane Dealey Neill  
P.O. Box 271  
Shingle Springs, CA 95682

The application should include the following:

1. Contact Information: Please provide your first and last name with your current address, current phone number and email address. Please include a phone number where you are available during the daytime hours and in the evening.
2. Work or Life Experience: List all work or life experiences that contribute to your desire to pursue an education in forestry.
3. Awards or Certificates: List any awards or certificates for efforts made in the area of forestry or closely related fields including fire protection, biology, botany, range management. Provide the name of the award, purpose of award, and date received.
4. Organization Memberships: List Student and Professional organizations in which you are involved. Provide a brief statement for each describing your activities in the organization(s).
5. Personal Interest: Attach an essay of sufficient length to describe your reasons for entering the field of forestry and how you would utilize this scholarship for the improvement of your career and the profession of forestry. Provide a brief statement describing how participating in the Forestry Challenge influenced your decision to enter the field of forestry.
6. Letter(s) of Support: Submit a letter from a counselor, instructor, or employer supporting your application for the scholarship. Note: This letter can be submitted separately, as long as it is received prior to the deadline.

Pacific States Industries will review the recommended candidate(s) prior to award.