



UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT PROGRAMS

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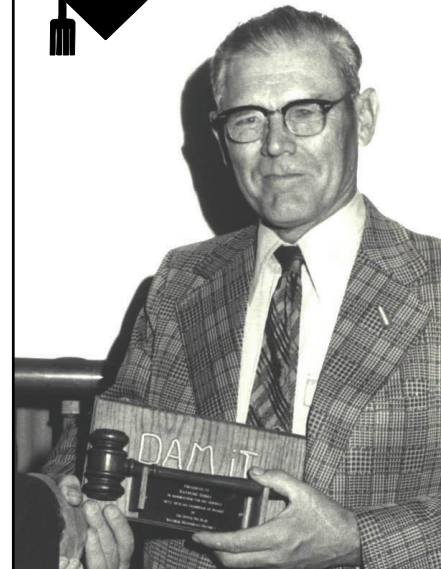
The Raymond A. Burke Scholarship Program

The family of Raymond A. Burke established this scholarship in his memory for the benefit of young men and women interested in pursuing careers in natural resources related fields.

Mr. Burke was a land improvement contractor and farmer with very strong interests in the management of conservation and educating young people. He served for 40 years on the elected boards of the Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District. From time to time, donations memorializing other individuals have been added to the Raymond A. Burke Scholarship Fund. The Upper Big Blue NRD administers this scholarship awarded annually in the amount of \$2,000. Below are the qualifications necessary for applying for the Raymond A. Burke Scholarship:

Qualifications: This scholarship is for full-time students who:

- Reside in the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District.
- Attend a two-year/four-year Nebraska college or university.
- Are enrolled in a course of study leading to an associate or undergraduate degree in a natural resources related field.
- Intend to enter the work force upon graduation in a “hands-on” position such as soil conservation, resources manager or engineering technician.
- Are not family members of staff/directors of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District.



Raymond A. Burke was a tireless champion for conserving Nebraska's natural resources, and a well respected advocate for the Nebraska farmer.

The NRD works closely with FFA programs across the District. Here, Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager, explains the pump system at CROP-TIP to the Hampton FFA junior and senior class from Hampton, Nebraska. The Hampton FFA used the CROP-TIP site and eventually placed second at the state level with their agricultural demonstration.

FFA Project Fund & Natural Resources Practicum Scholarships

Also available are two *Natural Resources Practicum Scholarships* which are to be used by students who are interested in attending a natural resources related camp, seminar, internship; or who are working on a natural resources related research project.



The *FFA Project Fund* was established in 2005 to assist FFA programs with special projects. The FFA Project Fund is designed to aid a group of collective students or team. The Practicum Scholarships were created to assist an individual student or a team.