**CONNIE BURNS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

**For 2021, GRC is pleased to provide an opportunity for free conference registration for college students in Georgia. *Learn More and Complete the Application Below.***

**Deadlines and Important Dates**

* **October 10, 2021** – All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by Georgia Recycling Coalition.
* **October 17, 2021** – Announcement of students receiving complimentary conference registration.
* **October 25-26, 2021** – GRC Annual Conference (virtual)

**Purpose**

Connie Burns (February 24, 1967 - August 12, 2012) was an active member of the Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) and was renowned for her spirit, love of life and adventure, and her true understanding of and dedication to effective waste reduction and recycling practices. Connie was active in the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), serving as director of the group's communication, education, and marketing division. That role just scratched the surface of all the work she did in her community, including serving as director of Keep Effingham Beautiful and coordinator for Rivers Alive Effingham. She was also on the Governor's Task Force on Litter Abatement and Prevention and the advisory board for the Effingham United Way. As a way to remember Connie and honor her life and work, GRC, in partnership with SWANA Georgia Chapter, established the Connie Burns Scholarship Programdedicated to assisting and mentoring Georgia college and university students interested in a career path in recycling, composting, environmental practices, and sustainability. **For 2021, GRC will offer up to eight free registrations for college students to participate in its annual conference.**

**Application Criteria**

1. Applicants must be enrolled at least part-time in a Georgia college or university.
2. Applicants should be available to attend the GRC Annual Conference, October 25-26, 2021 held virtually. [Learn more about conference.](https://www.georgiarecycles.org/event/28th-annual-conference-trade-show-and-membership-meeting/)

**Eligibility**

Candidates must be undergraduate or graduate students enrolled (at least part-time) in a Georgia college or university and pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering, or other major related to recycling, waste reduction, or environmental sustainability. GRC pledges to uphold the policy that all persons shall have equal access to this program, regardless of race, color, age, sex, marital or veteran status, creed, religion, or disability.

**Awards**

Up to eight students will receive free registrations for GRC’s annual conference.

**Instructions for Completing the Application**

1. Applicants are required to submit the completed application form and all back-up documentation to GRC by **October 10, 2021 to garecycles@mindspring.com.**
2. Applicants must complete the entire form. Illegible applications or applications without proper signatures will not be accepted.
3. Applicants must submit a copy of college/university transcript (unofficial is acceptable).
4. Applicants have the responsibility for verifying that their back-up documentation has been received by GRC. A telephone number has been provided so you may verify that your materials have been received. Please leave sufficient time for the institution to process and mail your request. Be aware that if you miss the **October 10, 2021 deadline** for submittal of your application and back-up documentation, you will be disqualified.

**Questions?** If any questions or problems should arise, please contact Gloria Hardegree at 404-285-4001 or [garecycles@mindspring.com](mailto:garecycles@mindspring.com).

**2021 APPLICATION**

**GEORGIA RECYCLING COALITION**

**CONNIE BURNS**

**GRC ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

1. Applicant’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. College/University: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. College/University Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Please submit a complete transcript (an unofficial transcript is acceptable) with your application submission.
9. Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Essay question (see next page)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**GEORGIA RECYCLING COALITION**

**2021 Connie Burns Conference Registration Scholarship Application Essay**

**Please select one of the following questions for your essay (limit to 500 words or less) and include the response in your submission.**

1. How will you use your current course of study to benefit a potential career in the recycling industry or in a sustainability-related field?
2. Describe how recycling fits into the larger sustainability picture.
3. What do you see as major impediments to increasing recycling rates and participation in recycling/waste reduction programs in the United States?
4. What do you see as the future of the recycling industry?