



## WINNEBAGO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

The Winnebago Soil and Water Conservation District established this scholarship to help outstanding students of soil, water and related natural resources conservation to complete their education at any accredited two or four-year college or university. The amount of the scholarship will be up to \$1,000. The scholarship will be awarded prior to the fall semester of each academic year. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, books, supplies and/or other course fees. Funds will be paid directly to the institution upon written instructions from the student (one-half for each fall and spring semester). The Winnebago County SWCD reserves the right to grant the full amount of the scholarship in one payment upon request.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The student must be:

- A resident of Winnebago County
- An upcoming High School Graduate -or- attending an accredited College or University
- Majoring in Soil and/or Water Conservation; or a related Natural Resource field
- A full-time student who is carrying at least 12 credit hours

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- The applicant should be maintaining a Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a point scale of 4.0)
- The applicant should demonstrate superior soil and water conservation or related natural resource academic achievement.
- The successful applicant will be chosen from a balance of several important factors, including demonstrated academic achievements, community service related to conservation activities, statement of educational and career goals, and reference recommendations.
- The student must submit a copy of their latest transcript - High School and College (if applicable)
- If the student drops out of school, or changes to a major outside of the Soil and/or Water Conservation or Natural Resources fields, the full amount of the scholarship must be refunded to the Winnebago County SWCD.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

A committee selected by the Winnebago County SWCD Board will screen all applications. The committee's decision will be based solely upon the student's achievement without regard to the student's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

To apply, fill out the application form and send it along with a copy of your most recent transcripts, and all other support information to:

Scholarship Committee  
Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District  
4833 Owen Center Road  
Rockford, IL 61101

Or

E-mail to – [danthonyswcd@comcast.net](mailto:danthonyswcd@comcast.net)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> OF EACH YEAR**

**APPLICATION FORM - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(A copy of your transcript must be sent to the SWCD.)*

College or University Information

College or University Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted for admission?    Yes        No

Major Course of study \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Point Average - A=4.0 (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(A copy of your most recent transcript must be sent to the SWCD.)*

Date on which you expect to graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Work Experience

Place of Employment            Position/Type of Work            Dates Employed            Supervisor/Contact

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References:

**Name three individuals who are well acquainted with your abilities, education, and career goals.** Please list their name, mailing address and telephone number. One of these should be your present academic advisor. **At least one letter of recommendation** from your references should be included:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

(Use this sheet, or you can choose to write/type on a separate pages if you wish).

**Explain why you have chosen this major.**

**Please tell us more about yourself, focusing on your reasons for choosing a career in a conservation/natural resources related field. Please state you career objective.**

**Describe why you feel you are a good candidate for this scholarship.**

List all extra-curricular or community activities, awards and honors, including any offices held.

Activity/Organization	Years	Awards, Achievements & Honors	Offices/Positions Held

I certify that the above information that I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying any of the information will result in my disqualification from the consideration of this scholarship. All information received is considered confidential. All application documents become the property of the Winnebago County SWCD and cannot be returned. The District may use such items as the scholarship winner’s name, city, past community involvement and natural resource aspirations in the promotion of the Scholarship Program.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE FOR APPLICANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

Parent or Legal Guardian’s SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian’s PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your application!*

The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer. All programs and services are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.