

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 college or university. The Winnebago County SWCD Scholarship is awarded in the fall semester of each academic year. The amount of the scholarship will be \$500.00 (\$250.00 per semester). Funds will be paid directly to the school upon written instructions from the student.

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 his/her latest transcript.
- If the student drops out of school or changes to major outside of Conservation or Natural Resources, 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. A personal interview may be required.

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

Applications MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 p.m., March 19, 2010

APPLICATION FORM - PLEASE TYPE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

High School Information

High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Class Rank: ____ of ____ Grade Point Average: _____

College 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) _____

(Copy of your most recent transcript to be sent to the SWCD.)

Date on which you expect to graduate _____

Employment

<u>Place of Employment</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Dates Employed</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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References:

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

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

(Use this sheet, or 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 an agriculture/conservation related field. Please state your career objective.

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

List all extra-curricular or community activities, including any offices 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. I hereby authorize the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District to release any or all of the preceding information, including copies of my transcript.

(Signature)

(Date)

(It is the responsibility of the student to retain a copy of the transcript.)