



Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship

The Stephenson 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 Stephenson SWCD Scholarship is awarded in the Fall Semester of each academic year. The amount of the scholarship will be \$500.00. Funds will be paid directly to the Bursar of the school upon written instructions from the student.

ELIGIBILITY

The student must be:

- a resident of Stephenson County
- majoring in soil and/or water conservation or related natural resource field
- a full-time student or entering Freshman who is carrying at least 12 credit hours

SELECTION CRITERIA

- The applicant should maintain a Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a point scale of 4.0). Under certain circumstances other qualifications may serve to offset a somewhat lower G.P.A.
- The applicant should demonstrate superior soil and water conservation or related natural resource academic achievement.
- The successful applicant will be chosen for a balance of several important factors, among them demonstrated academic ability and financial need.
- The student must submit a copy of his/her latest transcript.
- If the student drops out of school or changes to a non-ag/non-conservation major, the full amount of the scholarship must be refunded to the Stephenson SWCD.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

A committee selected by the Stephenson SWCD Board will screen all applications. The committee's decision will be based solely upon the student's need and 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 transcript to:

Scholarship Committee
Stephenson Soil and Water Conservation District
1620 South Galena Avenue
Freeport, IL 61032

Applications MUST be received by June 30, 2023

APPLICATION FORM

Student's legal full name _____

Student ID Number _____

Permanent address:

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Date of birth _____ Phone/Cell Phone _____

College or University _____

Current declared major _____

Current Grade Point Average _____

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

Date on which you expect to graduate _____

Name of parent, legal guardian, or spouse _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

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

(Use the back of this sheet, or separate pages if you wish).

Please list previous (last two years) and current employment.

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

Briefly state your educational plans for the future and how this scholarship would help you fulfill these plans. (You may use a separate piece of paper if needed.)

On separate sheets of paper, please tell us more about yourself, focusing on your reasons for choosing a career in an ag/conservation related field.

Character 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. If possible, letters of recommendation from two faculty members who know about your work and your interest would be very helpful.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I hereby authorize the Stephenson 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.)