

**Coles County SWCD
Foundation
Scholarship Application**

COLES COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The following application is for the Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District Foundation (SWF) Scholarship.

To be eligible for the aforementioned scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a high school senior or accepted for enrollment or enrolled in a college, university, or vocational school as a full-time student in a field related to conservation of natural resources.
- Demonstrate potential for successful completion of a degree.
- Be a resident or former resident of Coles County, Illinois.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance and honors
- Official high school transcripts, GPA, class rank
- Interest in conservation of natural resources
- Major field of study and its relationship to conservation
- Work ethic/study habits
- Intellectual aptitude and interest
- Leadership
- Community Service
- A letter of reference
- Financial need as well as financial contribution by the applicant

Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted to the Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District office by 4:00 p.m. March 31st of the current year. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for funding.

The following information must be submitted to be eligible for a scholarship:

- A completed application
- Official high school and/or college transcripts
- Teacher letter of recommendation

Mail to: Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District Foundation
6021 Development Drive, Suite 2
Charleston, Illinois 61920

We sincerely appreciate your interest in the SWF scholarship. If you have any questions regarding the application or scholarship, please contact the Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District at 345-3901 ext 3.

Scholarship Committee
Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District Foundation

Scholarship Application

Section 1: Personal Information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Last First Initial

Current Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number _____ Applicant's Cell Phone _____

Applicant's Email _____

Do you or your family reside in Coles County? _____

Parents'/Guardians' names: (father) _____

(mother) _____

Section 2: Academics

High School attended _____ Graduation Date _____

High School class rank _____ / _____
Rank Number in graduating class

*Include current official high school transcript and G.P.A. _____ / 4.0 or 5.0 (circle one)

If attending college, *include current official college transcript and G.P.A. _____ / 4.0 or 5.0 (circle one)

Current year in school _____

List any academic honors received.

Section 3: Academic Plans

Please name the post-secondary school you will be attending or are attending. Include address.

What is or will be your major field of study? _____

Please describe how your higher education and degree will benefit the field of conservation.

Section 4: Activities

List your activities in high school and/or college. Include offices and any leadership roles held and any honors you received as a result of those activities. Also list any community activities/volunteer work.

Section 5: Employment

List any employment you have had (during and between school years).

Section 6: Interests

Please describe your experience with and interest in Conservation.

Section 7: Financial Information: Income, Expenses, Assets, Debts, Assistance

Financial need is one important area used to help select the recipient of the SWF Scholarship. (The following information will only be reviewed by the SWF Scholarship Committee.)

Do you plan to work during the school year to support your education? Please describe the work; indicate the approximate hours per week and the wage per hour.

Will you work between semesters or during the summer? Please describe the work and expected income during that period.

List any scholarships, awards, or fee waiver(s) received in past years or for the coming year.

<u>Award or Scholarship</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please indicate the amounts you have in savings and checking accounts?

Savings _____ Checking _____

Have you incurred any debts? _____ Please list the type of debt/s and the amounts.

Type _____ Amount _____

Type _____ Amount _____

What part of your education expenses in the coming year will your parents pay? _____%

Parents' occupations (father) _____

(mother) _____

Applicant's number of siblings _____ Ages _____ How many are currently in post-secondary ed. _____

Spouse name _____ Occupation: _____

Number of dependents _____ Ages _____

Will you commute from home to school in the coming year? _____

If not, where will you live while going to school? _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Teacher recommendation
(By a teacher who has had the applicant in class)

Please describe how you know the applicant, describe the applicant's work ethic/academic performance and how you feel the applicant will succeed in his or her field of study.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ (return in sealed envelope to student - thank you)