



DELAWARE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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November 15, 2024

Dear High School Guidance Counselors and Ag Teachers,

Attached is an application for high school seniors interested in a **SCHOLARSHIP** being offered by the Conservation Districts of Iowa and the Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District. Please photocopy as needed.

This scholarship may be used by Iowa high school seniors for their first year of college education. While this is a wide field and many studies qualify, preference will be given to students pursuing programs of study in conservation. Students should be sure to submit their application to the Conservation District in which they live.

The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners will review the scholarship applications and select the leading applicant to receive a \$250 scholarship from the Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District. This application will then be submitted to the CDI Regional Director who will choose a regional application to submit for consideration at the state level. After final selections, the top **three scholarships** will be awarded at the state level in the amounts of **\$3000, \$2000 and \$1000**. Winners from the **remaining six regions** will each receive **\$500**. First, second, and third place awards will be paid directly to the applicant's school of choice in two equal installments, one upon enrollment at the beginning of the year and the second at midterm. The six other scholarships will be paid directly to the applicant's school of choice in one installment.

Scholarship applications are judged based on the following criteria:

- **20 points** for Involvement, Leadership and Character
- **20 points** for Career
- **30 points** for Scholastic Achievement
- **30 points** for Conservation Message

Applications need to be submitted to the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District by Friday, February 7, 2025, also available online at: <https://cdiowa.org/get-involved/scholarships/>. If the student attends school in Delaware County but lives in another county the application will need to be submitted to the Soil & Water Conservation District in which they live. CDI will inform the local SWCD by May 2, 2025 if they have an application that has been awarded a scholarship. The SWCD will in turn notify the student & school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at sarah.kelchen@ia.nacdnet.net or call 563-927-4590 ext. 3.

Sincerely,

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Conservation Districts of Iowa informs, educates and leads Iowans through our local soil and water conservation districts to promote conservation of natural resources.

Conservation Districts of Iowa
Conservation Scholarship Application
Class of 2025

Instructions

1. Fill in the below portion of this page by typing or clearly hand writing the answers on the lines provided.
2. Answer the 9 questions that follow on a separate page. Do not allow your answers to exceed four, single-sided, single-spaced pages with a minimum of a 12 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins.
3. Have your school official attach to this application your **official** transcript, which must include your school attendance record, GPA and current class ranking. If your school does not provide this information, please have your school official provide a note on school letterhead indicating that information is not available.
4. Attach your ACT, SAT or other standardized test scores.
5. One letter of recommendation from your school or an employer is **required**. Please do not submit more than one letter.
6. Please print and return this application with attachments to the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office in the county that you reside in by **Friday, February 7, 2025**. Select your county on the map at [USDA Service Center Locator](#) to locate your county SWCD Office.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

County _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Planned Date of Graduation _____

GPA* _____ / _____

Class Rank* _____ / _____ Attendance

Record* _____

ACT, SAT or other standardized test

score* _____

****Be sure to provide documentation to support GPA, Class Rank, Attendance Record and ACT, SAT or other standardized test score information entered above. If your school does not provide this information, please have your school official provide a note on school letterhead indicating that information is not available.***

1. List the name, location and dates of attendance of *all* High Schools you have attended.
2. List your school extra curricula activities. Indicate if you had a leadership role.
3. List any community and other activities you were involved in during High School. Indicate if you had a leadership role.
4. What are your career goals? Have you made more than one? Are they compatible with each other and why? How long have you been thinking of this career choice? *Only those pursuing careers in conservation or agriculture qualify for this scholarship. Preference will be given to students pursuing careers in conservation.*
5. What has helped you the most in choosing your potential career?
6. What part-time and summer jobs have you held? Indicate how they have helped in your choice of career. List the position you held, the employer and the location.
7. Do you have personal and business goals for after your formal education? Please elaborate.
8. Why should you be considered for this scholarship?
9. What does soil and water conservation mean to you? *400-600 word essay.*

If you have questions, please contact Conservation Districts of Iowa, admin@cdiowa.org, 515.289.8300