



# FAIRFIELD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will offer two \$500 college scholarships per year.

### Criteria

- Applicants must be graduating from high school and be residents of Fairfield County. Home-schooled students are eligible as well.
- At the time of application, applicants must have achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).
- Applicants need to be pursuing a degree in the fields of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation or Environmental Education. Examples of *some* eligible degrees include: Agriculture, Ag Engineering, Aquatic Ecology, Biological Sciences, Conservation Planning, Environmental Education, Environmental Science, Forestry, Natural Resource Conservation, Soils, or Wildlife. Call the SWCD office if you have a question about your area of interest.
- Eligible post secondary institutions include technical colleges, two-year associates or four-year bachelor's degree programs. If you plan to attend something other than the above, please call the SWCD office to check on eligibility.

### How to Apply

- Students will be notified of this scholarship opportunity through a variety of sources, including high school guidance counselors, teachers, and the Fairfield SWCD networks, i.e. Fairfield Features newsletter or website at [www.fairfieldswcd.org](http://www.fairfieldswcd.org).
- Official transcript of high school grades must be submitted with the application.
- The application must contain two letters of recommendation to be eligible. One recommendation needs to come from a teacher, the other from a person in the community. Neither can be a relative.
- **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4 P.M. ON MARCH 31 OF THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR.**
- Applications need to be turned in to the Fairfield SWCD office at 831 College Avenue, Suite B, Lancaster, OH 43130. Phone (740) 653-8154. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Selection Process

- A three member committee will review applications, contact and interview applicants. *Applicants are required to interview in April to be eligible.* A decision will be made by the end of the current school year and the students will be notified either way.
- Once notified of being selected, the applicant will need to submit a copy of their college letter of acceptance to the Fairfield SWCD office.

### Distribution of Award

- The scholarship money will be available for use after the successful completion of the first semester of college. The recipient must have achieved at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). We require the student to bring in a copy of their grades to the SWCD office.
- The check will be made payable to the student and can be spent on tuition, room and board, or books.

**FAIRFIELD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School \_\_\_\_\_ College Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ (*please attach your most current academic transcript*)

What semester are you planning to start college? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your intended field of study \_\_\_\_\_

**In Addition, please submit the following with your application:**

On a separate piece of paper, please list positions of leadership that you have held, awards received, and organizations participated in during your high school career, as well as any other information about you that you feel the scholarship committee should consider.

Please submit an original, personal essay describing the reason for choosing a degree in agriculture or natural resources. The essay must be typed and be at least 400 words in length.

Arrange to have two (2) letters of recommendation, one from a teacher and the second a person from the community at large. No relatives.

Completed application and additional documentation need to be at the Fairfield SWCD office by 4 p.m. on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

Please return all forms to:

FAIRFIELD SWCD  
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LANCASTER, OH 43130  
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