

FAIRFIELD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Criteria

- Applicants must be graduating from high school and be residents of Fairfield County. Homeschooled 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.
- 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.
- <u>COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4 P.M. ON MARCH 31 OF THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR.</u>
- 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		
Las	st First	Middle Initial
Home Address	City	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	
E-mail		
High School	College Attending_	
Current GPA	(please attach your most current	t academic transcript)
What semester are you planning	ng to start college?	
Please list your intended field	of study	
On a separate piece of paper, and organizations participated	ne following with your application: please list positions of leadership that y in during your high school career, as wel iip committee should consider.	
<u> </u>	sonal essay describing the reason for cho nust be typed and be at least 400 words in	
Arrange to have two (2) letter the community at large. No re	rs of recommendation, one from a teacher elatives.	er and the second a person from

Please return all forms to:

Completed application and additional documentation need to be at the Fairfield SWCD office by 4 p.m.

on March 31st of the current calendar year.

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