



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. 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.
- 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.

