

Athens Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship Application

The Athens Soil and Water Conservation District is offering an opportunity for college-bound agriculture or natural resource students to move toward their career goals. This scholarship program recognizes deserving students with a long-term career interest in agriculture and/or natural resources, and rewards them with funding for their college education.

Eligibility

To apply for the Athens Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a high school senior enrolled in an Athens County High School
- Have an average to above-average academic record
- Plan to enroll in an accredited, nonprofit, vocational/technical institute, community college, four-year college or university that offers an academic major in a field related to agriculture and/or natural resources in the fall of the next academic year
- Plan on a career in agriculture and/or natural resources

If an applicant is in doubt of their eligibility, it is recommended to apply.

Scholarship Amount and Coverage

One, one-time award of \$500 will be awarded to a high school senior who meets the eligibility requirements. This award is good for one year and is not based on financial need. The recipient of this award is allowed to:

- Apply funding toward tuition and fees, room, board, books, supplies and incidental expenses
- Transfer from one institution to another and retain the scholarship

How to Apply

Please complete the attached application for the Athens Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship Program. Competition for the scholarship begins December 1st of each year. **Applications and supporting credentials (i.e. current certified high school transcript) should be placed in an envelope and must be submitted to the Conservation Education Coordinator at the Athens Soil and Water Conservation District by the close of business on the last Friday of March of each year.**

Selection of Recipient

An impartial selection committee comprised of Athens Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors and Staff selects the scholarship recipient in April of each year. In evaluating the applicants, the committee will consider their high school records, standardized test results, extracurricular activities and evidence that they are genuinely interested in a career in agriculture and/or natural resources. The required essays are an important part of the selection process. The top three applicants may be interviewed.

Scholarship Conditions

Upon being awarded a scholarship, a recipient must:

- Enroll as a full-time student in the fall of the year in which the scholarship was awarded
- Complete the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency or military service
- Ensure that their scholarship checks are delivered to their chosen school

Payment of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship payments will be processed the first week of August. Checks are made payable to the scholarship recipient.

Application deadline

Applications are due by the close of business on the last Friday in March. Send application and all supporting credentials to Teresa Caldwell at the Athens Soil and Water Conservation District, 69 South Plains Road, The Plains, OH 45780. No late applications will be accepted.

Scholarship Application - Type or print all information requested (use black ink)

Name _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____
_____ **Phone #** _____

Father's Name _____ **Mother's Name** _____

Guardian's Name (if different from above) _____

Is your family currently involved in agriculture or natural resources? YES NO

In the fall, I plan to attend _____

I plan to major in _____

This section (the gray box) needs to be complete by the applicant's Guidance Counselor.

Class Rank	Number in Class	ACT Composite (not percentile)	SAT Verbal (not percentile)	SAT Math (not percentile)	GPA	Scale

I certify that the above information is correct and a record is enclosed: _____

Guidance Counselor's Signature

Name of High School _____

High School Address _____

Guidance Counselor's Phone Number _____

Personal Essay

Describe your career goals and why you are pursuing a career in agriculture and/or natural resources.

Use ONLY the space below to respond to the above question.

Please describe in your own words any jobs you have held or work you have performed during the past three years, either on a farm, in part-time jobs, or for outside employers:

Describe your involvement in extracurricular activities in high school (FFA, class or school offices, band, orchestra, athletics, theater, debate, oratory, school publications, pep club, etc.):

Designate by number in the year column the high school year in which you participated in each activity as follows: 1-Freshmen 2-Sophomore 3-Junior 4-Senior

Activity	Position held	Hours spent per week	Year
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Describe your involvement in organized community activities (4-H, volunteer efforts, church groups, other youth organizations, etc.):

Designate by number in the year column the high school year in which you participated in each activity as follows: 1-Freshmen 2-Sophomore 3-Junior 4-Senior

Activity	Position held	Hours spent per week
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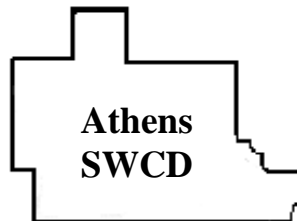
Personal Essay

Describe your role in any agricultural and or a natural resource operation(s) or organization(s) in which you have participated.

Use ONLY the space below to respond to the above question.

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the secondary school record and other requested information for consideration in the above-named scholarship program.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____



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