

**DEKALB COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SIMONSON SCHOLARSHIP
FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

PURPOSE: To provide a scholarship to one (1) deserving DeKalb County high school graduating senior interested in or intending to pursue a career in agriculture, the environment, or land use.

BACKGROUND: The Simonson Scholarship is offered by the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District (DCSWCD) to recognize the Simonson family's commitment in support of agriculture and the environment, and in the promotion of sound land use practices.

AWARD COMPONENTS: One (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship awarded to one (1) student selected by the DCSWCD. Funds may be used to offset any reasonable fees to advance the recipient's educational career and may be used in conjunction with other scholarship awards. This scholarship will be awarded in odd number years.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a DeKalb County resident.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
- Applicant must be a full-time college/university freshman in the coming academic year with an interest or intent to pursue a career in agriculture, the environment, conservation, or land use. If not a full-time student, please specify.
- Applicant must provide a description of need.
- Applicant must demonstrate scholarship – in the complete sense – consistent with capacity and circumstances.

APPLICATION PROCESS (APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT):

- Completed typed application form. (Handwritten and/or incomplete applications will not be processed.)
- Letter of application addressed to the Simonson Scholarship, DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District. The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
- An essay (200-300 words) describing the student's ideas regarding farmland preservation and conservation.
- Two letters of recommendation from the applicant's high school teachers, administrator, and/or former employer.
- A complete high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and class standing/rank.
- Description of need.

Deadline for application is March 30, 2019. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. The award recipient will be chosen on or before April 28, 2019 and the award granted by May 31, 2019.

Send to: DCSWCD, Simonson Scholarship, 1350 W. Prairie Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178 If you have questions or need further information, please call the DCSWCD Office at 815-756-3234 ext. 9488.