



Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District

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To protect, conserve and restore the natural resources of Dubuque County for present and future generations by actively seeking resources and partnerships to promote Soil Conservation and improve Water Quality.

December 22, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are applications for high school seniors interested in a **SCHOLARSHIP** being offered by the Conservation Districts of Iowa. (Please photocopy as needed.) Three scholarships will be awarded on the state level in the amounts of \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$600 on the regional level. They may be used by Iowa high school seniors for their first year of education on the college level. Students should be sure to submit their application to the Conservation District in which they live.

Criteria considered for the scholarship award will be 20 points for Involvement, Leadership, & Character, 20 points for Career, 30 points for Scholastic Achievement and 30 points for Conservation Message. Please note: **Applicants need to be entering into a field of Conservation or Agriculture to qualify.**

Applications need to be submitted to the Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation District by January 29, 2016. (Also available online at <http://www.cdiowa.org>). Entries received after this date will not be accepted. Students will be informed in mid-May if they have been awarded a scholarship.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Colleen Siefken
Secretary



Conservation Districts of Iowa
Conservation Scholarship Application
Class of 2016

Instructions

1. Fill in the below portion of this page by typing or clearly hand writing the answers on the lines provided.
2. Answer the 9 questions that follow on a separate page. Do not allow your answers to exceed four, single-sided, single-spaced pages with a minimum of a 12 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins.
3. Have your school official attach to this application your **official** transcript, which must include your school attendance record, GPA and current class ranking.
4. Attach your ACT, SAT or other standardized test scores.
5. One letter of recommendation from your school or an employer is **required**. Please do not submit more than one letter.
6. Please print and return this application with attachments to the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office in the county that you reside in by **Friday, February 26, 2016**. Select your county on the map at <https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/districtMap> to locate your county SWCD Office. (Dubuque SWCD, 210 Bierman Rd, Epworth IA 52045.)

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ County _____

Fathers Full Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mothers Full Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Planned Date of Graduation _____ GPA* _____ / _____

Class Rank* _____ / _____ Attendance Record* _____

ACT, SAT or other standardized test score* _____

*** Be sure to provide documentation to support GPA, Class Rank, Attendance Record and ACT, SAT or other standardized test score information entered above.**

1. List the name, location and dates of attendance of *all* High Schools you have attended.
2. List your school extra curricula activities. Indicate if you had a leadership role.
3. List any community and other activities you were involved in during High School. Indicate if you had a leadership role.
4. What are your career goals? Have you made more than one? Are they compatible with each other and why? How long have you been thinking of this career choice? *Only those pursuing careers in conservation or agriculture qualify for this scholarship. Preference will be given to students pursuing careers in conservation.*
5. What has helped you the most in choosing your potential career?
6. What part-time and summer jobs have you held? Indicate how they have helped in your choice of career. List the position you held, the employer and the location.
7. Do you have personal and business goals for after your formal education? Please elaborate.
8. Why should you be considered for this scholarship?
9. What does soil and water conservation mean to you? *400-600 word essay.*
10. **What role does a Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner play to promote soil and water conservation? Please Note:** Only Applicants from Region 6 - Boone, Dallas, Greene, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Story & Warren Counties - need to answer this question to qualify for the additional \$350 Larry Beeler Memorial Scholarship Fund.*

If you have questions, please contact Conservation Districts of Iowa, admin@cdiowa.org, 515.289.8300.