

# WILL-SOUTH COOK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## CONSERVATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS



*Leadership in Resource Management Since 1946*

In the spring of 2010, the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District will be awarding three \$1000.00 scholarships to Will and South Cook County students who expect to major in an Agriculture or Natural Resource field at any accredited college or accredited school of higher learning.

The purpose of these scholarships is to further the cause of soil, water and natural resource conservation by helping a deserving student pursue the subject at an advanced educational level.

Application forms may be picked up at local high school guidance offices in Will or South Cook County. They are also available at the District office located at 1201 S. Gougar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451. The application may be picked up during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or the application can be sent by request by calling (815) 462-3106, extension 3.

**DEADLINE:** To be considered, the completed application form must be submitted by February 1, 2010. The letters of recommendation, which are to be sent directly to the District by their writers, must also be received by February 1, 2010.

### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

- Applicant must live within the boundaries of the District (i.e. in Will County or in South Cook County, south of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street). Please see the map at the District office if in doubt.
- Applicant must be a high school senior or graduate (diploma or GED certificate).
- Applicant must attend an accredited college or accredited school of higher learning in the 2010/2011 school year.
- Applicant will be expected to be interested in environmental science, horticulture, wildlife, soil, water, or other natural resources.
- There is no requirement to substantiate financial need.
- Successful candidates will be announced in February 2010. The decision of the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors will be final.
- Scholarship money will be paid directly to the institution for the second term of the 2010/2011 school year.
- It is the recipient's responsibility to inform the District on the details of how to make the scholarship payment.
- Incomplete applications may be disqualified.



## **Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Education Scholarship Application 2010**

(Please print or type answers)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_ or F \_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Initial)
2. Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
3. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)
4. Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_
5. High School \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)
6. Current School Enrolled In (if not the same as above) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)
7. Scholastic Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_
8. Father's Name (In Full) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
10. Mother's Name (In Full) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
12. What institution of higher learning are you planning to attend in the fall of 2010?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Institution)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)
13. Have you been accepted to this institution? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What are your career goals?
15. What are your hobbies or special interests?

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16. Explain any school-sponsored and/or community activities you have participated in:

17. Describe any full-time or part-time employment, including any volunteer work for which you did not earn wages:

18. Letters of Recommendation - Two (2) letters of recommendation are to be sent directly to:

Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District  
Attn: Kim Mitchell  
1201 S. Gougar Road  
New Lenox, Illinois 60451  
(815) 462-3106 Ext. 3

One letter must be received from a school representative and one letter must be received from a personal acquaintance. **These letters must be in the district file by the February 1, 2010 deadline.** Please list below, the people from whom you have requested recommendations:

- 1.
- 2.

19. Please enclose a copy of your high school transcripts and any college transcripts.

20. On a **separate sheet of paper**, describe in approximately 250 words why you are seeking this scholarship and how your field of study will benefit conservation.

21. Mail completed application, transcripts, and 250 word essay to:

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Attn: Kim Mitchell  
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If declared a recipient of this scholarship, I will permit the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District to use my name, pertinent information and a photograph that can be copied for publicity purposes.

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(Signature of Applicant & Legal Guardian if under 18 years of age)

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(Date)



ADDRESS 1201 S. GOUGAR RD, NEW LENOX, IL, 60451  
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EMAIL WSC\_SWCD@IL.NACDNET.NET

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*The primary resource concerns of the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District include soil erosion and sediment control, water quality, natural resource management, the preservation of prime farmland, and conservation education.*

## What is the Will/South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District?

The Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District, organized in 1946, is one of 98 Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts empowered by state law to provide help and information about soil, water, and related natural resources. The District encompasses all of Will County and the portion of Cook County that lies south of 22nd Street.

The District works together with the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help district residents conserve, develop, manage, and wisely use land, water, and related resources. The District and NRCS provide assistance to land managers, county and local governments, organized groups, and local communities; based on a combination of national, state, local, and community needs and concerns.



*Illinois Wild Flowers*

### *Upcoming Events – click for more details*

**Forestry Field Day**  
**October 31, 2009 at 9:00 AM**  
**Deutsche Farm**  
2400 W. Elmscourt  
Crete, Illinois 60417

**Annual Meeting and Election of Directors**  
**February 10, 2010 at 7:00 AM**  
**Election until 5:30 pm / Annual Mtg 6 pm**  
1201 S. Gougar Rd.  
New Lenox, Illinois 60451

*All programs and services of the Will/South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.*

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