

WILL-SOUTH COOK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

CONSERVATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Leadership in Resource Management Since 1946

In the spring of 2025, the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District will be awarding three \$2,000.00 scholarships to Will/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.

Applications are available on our website, www.will-scookswcd.org, or by calling the SWCD District office at (815) 462-3106 ext. 3. They have also been distributed to local high school guidance offices in Will/South Cook Counties.

DEADLINE: To be considered, the completed application and required letters of recommendation, ***which are to be sent directly to the District by their writers***, must be received by February 28, 2025.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Applicant must live within the boundaries of the District (in Will County or in South Cook County, south of 22nd Street).
- 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 2025/2026 school year.
- Applicants will be interested in environmental science, agriculture, horticulture, wildlife, soil, water, or another conservation field.
- There is no requirement to substantiate financial need.
- Successful candidates will be announced in March 2025. 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 2025/2026 school year.
- It is the recipient's responsibility to provide the District with instructions for making the scholarship payment.
- Incomplete applications may be disqualified.



**Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District
Conservation Education Scholarship Application 2025**

Please print or type answers.

1. Name _____ M ____ or F ____

2. Date of Application _____ Date of Birth _____

3. Home Address _____

4. Telephone Number _____ 5. Email _____

6. High School _____

Address _____

7. Current School Enrolled In (if not the same as above) _____

Address _____

8. Scholastic Average _____ Class Year _____

9. Father's Name (In Full) _____

10. Father's Occupation _____

11. Mother's Name (In Full) _____

12. Mother's Occupation _____

13. What Institution of higher learning are you planning to attend in the Fall of 2025?

Name of Institution _____

Address _____

14. Have you been accepted to this institution? _____

15. What are your career goals?

16. What are your hobbies or special interests?

(Continue on reverse side if more room is needed)

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

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

19. Letters of Recommendation – **Two** letters of recommendation are to be sent directly to:

Will-South Cook Soil & Water Conservation District
Attn: Lindsay Johnson
1201 S. Gougar Road
New Lenox, IL 60451

One letter must be received from a school representative and one letter must be received from a personal acquaintance. ***These letters must be received by the February 28, 2025 deadline.*** Please list below the people from whom you have requested recommendations:

1.

2.

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

21. **Essay:** 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.

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

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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.

Signature _____

Date _____