Oklahoma Chapter

Academic Scholarship Application

Our Objectives as a Society:

- Develop and advance the science and art of good land use and management,
- Promote conservation of natural resources, without limitation,
- Support professional development and opportunities for our members
- Educate the people for the purposes aforementioned to the end that mankind may have the use and enjoyment of these resources for future generations.

Considering a career in conservation?

The Soil and Water Conservation Society encourages young people to pursue careers in conservation of our natural resources. These career opportunities include jobs in environmental education, soil conservation, conservation engineering, environmental science, soil science, rangeland management, agronomy, and crop consulting - just to name a few.

Minimum Requirements

Applicants must be a full time student in an Oklahoma junior college or university and have a major related to soil and water conservation (Soil Science, Natural Resource Ecology and Management, Environmental Science, Wildlife Management, etc…). Applicants that are freshman, sophomores and juniors are eligible. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Selections are based purely on merit; without discrimination to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Scholarship Conditions

The OK SWCS academic scholarship grants $1,500 to one awardee per school year. Scholarships are paid directly to the student. The postmark deadline for applications is May 28, 2021 and the scholarship recipient will be notified by June 18th.

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How do I apply

For the OK SWCS Scholarship Program?

Step 1 Fill out all fields of the scholarship application form.

Step 2 Include a typed response to the questions below, each on a separate sheet of paper.

1. **Career choice**
   Explain how your field of study and career path relate to soil and water conservation (about 150 words).
2. **Leadership activities**
   Please describe your accomplishments in leadership roles. List organizations, dates and offices held. May include conservation and professional organizations as well as school- or community- based activities (about 200 words).
3. **Employment/Volunteer experience**
   List any related work or volunteer experience (about 100 words).
4. **Essay**
   Why you will be a good investment if you are awarded this conservation scholarship (about 300 words).

Step 3 Please include the following additional materials with your scholarship application form:

1. A letter of recommendation from your advisor, counselor or a school faculty member.
2. Most recent official transcript.

Step 4

Send application packet to: **Josh Ketch or Joshua.ketch@usda.gov**
1607 N. Young St.
Stillwater, OK 74075

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Scholarship Application Form

Name _____

Address_____

City_____ **State**_____**Zip Code** _____

Phone_____**Email**_____

SWCS Member ___ **Yes** ___**No**

School Name _____

Major _____

Minor _____

Planned Date of Graduation_____

Cummulative GPA_____

Any Previous Higher Education? (Include Major, Date of Graduation If Applicable, and Cummulative GPA)

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