

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Sponsored by the  
**Illinois**  
**Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**Employee's Association**

### *Criteria*

**A SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED ANNUALLY  
TO ONE SELECTED APPLICANT.**

Those eligible to apply must be an employee of a SWCD within the state of Illinois who is an active member in good standing of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Employees Association, an employee member's spouse or an employee member's legal dependents.

Currently enrolled students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale (or 3.5 on a 5 point scale). Applicants, who have not recently graduated from high school or are not currently enrolled in a higher level education, may still apply without the GPA. A person may not win two consecutive years.

The Scholarship Committee will review the applicants and if more than 4 applications are received the Committee will narrow it down to three and present the top three to the ISWCDEA Board. The ISWCDEA Board will decide selection of the recipient from the top three applicants, which will be based on a point system.

The winning applicant (and one guest) is requested to attend Summer Conference to receive their award. The ISWCDEA will provide 2 complimentary lunch tickets to the award luncheon. The winner will also need to electronically submit a photo and brief bio for the AISWCD Summer Conference slideshow.

The primary intent of this scholarship is to assist with professional development of current employees and/or family members for assistance with tuition, registration, books, etc. for courses in the next fall semester. Selection will be based on academic achievement, extracurricular school activities, community service and the essay.

The amount of the Scholarship sponsored by the ISWCDEA will be \$500.  
The check will be made out to the recipient rather than to the school.

ISWCDEA # Assigned\_\_\_\_\_

***The application must be post-marked by June 30, 2015.***

ISWCDEA Scholarship  
c/o Joe Bybee  
2280 Bethany Rd., Ste. B  
DeKalb, IL 60115

## **ISWCDEA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SWCD/ISWCDEA MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO SWCD/ISWCDEA MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SWCD COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

SWCD POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

CHOOSE ONE:

\_\_\_\_\_ CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENT – GPA: \_\_\_\_\_, SCALE 4.0 OR 5.0 (Circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_ NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENT

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

*Maximum of 5*

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COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

*Maximum of 5*

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ATTACH AN ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

*ESSAY SHOULD:*

- *NOT USE SPECIFIC LOCATION NAMES*
- *ONE PAGE SINGLE SPACED*
- *12 POINT TYPE*
- *ONE INCH MARGINS*
- *CITE REFERENCES*

**2015 Current Environmental Issue:**

**Urban / Community Forestry**

Describe what sustainable urban and community forestry is and why it is important.

**OR**

Describe the economic, social, and environmental benefits of urban and community trees to local communities.