

***Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District***

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**RE: 2020 Scholarship for High School Seniors**

**Application deadline: Friday, February 14, 2020**

Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District, in conjunction with Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI), is sponsoring the 2020 Scholarship Award. Enclosed you will find an information sheet and application form. (application forms are also available on the District website at: [www.scottcountysoilandwater.com](http://www.scottcountysoilandwater.com) or [www.cdiowa.org](http://www.cdiowa.org))

The top three scholarships will be awarded at the state level in the amounts of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. Winners from the remaining six regions will each receive \$500. **In addition, Scott SWCD has pledged two - \$1,000 scholarships to two qualified Scott County High School Seniors.** These scholarships are presented to area high school seniors to be used for their first year of education on the college level while pursuing programs of study in any field of agriculture or natural resources.

Should you have any questions, or require further information, please contact the district office at 391-1403 x3 or [jan.mcclurg@ia.nacdnet.net](mailto:jan.mcclurg@ia.nacdnet.net).

## 2020 Conservation Scholarships

CDI is partnering with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) to foster the higher education endeavors of Iowa students interested in conservation and agriculture by offering scholarships. Iowa High School Class of 2020 students pursuing programs of study in any field of conservation or agriculture qualifies for the Conservation Scholarship. While this is a wide field and many studies qualify, preference will be given to students pursuing programs of study in conservation. The scholarship must be used for the student's first year of college education.

### 2020 Application & Instructions

Please note that the application form has been changed. Application forms from previous years will not qualify. Follow the instructions on the application closely. Applications filled out incorrectly will not qualify. Pay close attention to deadlines. Applications submitted after set deadlines will not be considered. The application is available at [www.cdiowa.org](http://www.cdiowa.org).

### Application Process & Deadlines

- **November, 2019:** Participating SWCDs get the word out about the 2019 Conservation Scholarship.
- **Friday, February 14, 2020:** Applicants must submit their scholarship applications to the SWCD Office in the county which they reside in. Visit <https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/districtMap> and select your county on the map to locate your county SWCD Office.
- **Friday, March 13, 2020:** The local SWCD chooses a county application to forward on to their CDI Regional Director.
- **Friday, March 27, 2020:** The CDI Regional Director chooses a regional application to forward on for consideration at the state level.
- **Friday, April 10, 2020:** A judging team of CDI Officers, Regional Directors & Alternates then make the final selections. There are nine CDI regions.
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2020:** CDI will then alert the local SWCD offices with winning applicants. Local SWCD offices will in turn notify the student, school & local media.
- **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IF SUBMITTED AFTER THESE DEADLINES.**

### Awards

After final selections, the top **three scholarships** will be awarded at the state level in the amounts of **\$3000, \$2000 and \$1000**. Winners from the **remaining six regions** will each receive **\$500**. First, second and third place awards will be paid directly to the applicant's school of choice in two equal installments, one upon enrollment at the beginning of the year and the second at midterm. The six other scholarships will be paid directly to the students.



**Conservation Districts of Iowa**  
Conservation Scholarship Application  
Class of 2020

**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. If your school does not provide this information, please have your school official provide a note on school letterhead indicating that information is not available.
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 14, 2020**. Select your county on the map at <https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/districtMap> to locate your county SWCD Office.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian 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. If your school does not provide this information, please have your school official provide a note on school letterhead indicating that information is not available.**

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.

If you have questions, please contact Conservation Districts of Iowa, [admin@cdiowa.org](mailto:admin@cdiowa.org), 515.289.8300