**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 anactive 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.

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 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 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.

***The application must be post-marked by June 30, 2013.***

         ISWCDEA Scholarship

                   c/o Joe Bybee

                   2280 Bethany Rd., Ste. B

                   DeKalb, IL 60115

**ISWCDEA**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT’S NAME: Click here to enter text.

ADDRESS: Click here to enter text.

PHONE: Click here to enter text.

PARENT’S NAME: Click here to enter text.

NAME OF SWCD/ISWCDEA MEMBER: Click here to enter text.

RELATIONSHIP TO SWCD/ISWCDEA MEMBER: Click here to enter text.

SWCD COUNTY: Click here to enter text.

SWCD POSITION TITLE: Click here to enter text.

COLLEGE ATTENDING: Click here to enter text.

COURSE OF STUDY: Click here to enter text.

CHOOSE ONE:

[ ]  CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENT – GPA: Click here to enter text.

 SCALE 4.0 OR 5.0 (Circle one)

 [ ]  NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENT

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE: Click here to enter text. DATE: Click here to enter text.

LIST EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

*Maximum of 5*

Click here to enter text.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

*Maximum of 5*

Click here to enter text.

ATTACH AN ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

*ESSAY SHOULD:*

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

 **2013 Current Environmental Issue: Sustainable Rangeland Management: Achieving a balance between Traditional Agricultural Uses with Non-Agricultural uses on Montana Rangelands**

“Explain the benefits of rangeland and pastureland management.”

**OR**

“Compare the rights of the private landowner to citizens’ rights to public land.”