**SCHOLARSHIP**

Sponsored by the

**Illinois Soil and Water Conservation**

**District Employee Association**

A SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED ANNUALLY TO ONE SELECTED APPLICANT.

***Criteria***

Those eligible to apply for the scholarship must be either an Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) employee who is anactive member in good standing with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Employees Association (ISWCDEA), or a spouse or legal dependent of an Illinois SWCD employee who is anactive member in good standing with the ISWCDEA.

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 who are not currently enrolled in a higher-level education may still apply without the GPA requirement. A person may not win two consecutive years.

If more than four applications are received, the Scholarship Committee will review the application essays to narrow the selection down to the top three essays. The Scholarship Committee will present the essays (all or top three, as described) to the ISWCDEA Board. The ISWCDEA Board will decide selection of the scholarship recipient from the presented essays using a grading point system.

The winning applicant is requested to attend Summer Conference in Springfield to receive their award. The ISWCDEA will provide 2 complimentary lunch tickets to the award luncheon on Monday, July 15, 2024, for the scholarship recipient and one guest. The scholarship recipient will also be asked 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.

***The application must be emailed by June 14, 2024, to:***

ISWCDEA Scholarship c/o Deborah Gray

deborah.gray@illinois.gov

**ISWCDEA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

PARENT’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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 ONE OF THE TOPICS BELOW:

*The essay should:*

* *not use specific location names*
* *be one page, single-spaced*
* *be in 12-point type*
* *have one-inch margins*
* *cite references*

**Essay topics from 2024 Envirothon Current Environmental Issue: Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future**

Describe environmental impacts of renewable energy.

**OR**

Describe how renewable energy works.