

2010 Knox Soil and Water Conservation District Education Scholarship Eligibility

Purpose:

The Knox Soil and Water Conservation District is awarding one (1) \$500 renewable scholarship (\$1,000 total) to a Knox County high school senior. This scholarship was established to assist graduating seniors with the pursuit of a college, university or technical school degree.

Eligibility:

The applicant must be a Knox County resident or graduating from a Knox County High School. Home schooled students are eligible as well. Eligible post secondary institutions include technical colleges, two year associate and four year bachelor degree programs. If the applicant plans to attend a program other than the aforementioned institutions please call the Knox SWCD office for approval of eligibility. Applicants need to be pursuing a degree in the fields of Agriculture, Conservation or Natural Resources. Examples of *some* eligible degrees include: Agriculture and Ag Engineering, Aquatic Ecology, Biological Sciences, Conservation Planning, Environmental Education, Environmental Science, Forestry, Natural Resources Conservation, Soils, Turf management or Wildlife. Call the Knox SWCD office if you have any questions about your area of interest. If you change your major you **must** contact the SWCD office to verify your continuing eligibility.

Deadline for application submission is April 1 of the current calendar year. The application form may be downloaded via the Knox SWCD website located at www.knoxswcd.org. Applications need to be mailed or dropped off to the Knox SWCD office at 1025 Harcourt Road, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050. Phone 740.393.6724. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Applications received after 4:00 p.m. on April 1st will not be considered.** Electronic submission via email will **NOT** be accepted for any reason.

Selection Process:

A three member committee will review all applications. Final selection may be based on an interview. The recipient will be selected and notified of the decision by May 15th of the current year. Once notified, the student will need to submit a copy of their college letter of acceptance to the Knox SWCD office. A check for \$250 will then be awarded to the student at their awards assembly in May, with the balance paid after the first semester or quarter of college. The student will need to bring a copy of their grades to the SWCD office to receive the balance. The procedure will follow the same guidelines the second year of the scholarship.

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The Knox SWCD prohibit discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.

To complete the application process, you will also need to submit two (2) letters of recommendation. The letters need to be from someone who is not related to you, for example a teacher, 4-H or Scout leader, community member, or employer. *Your recommendation letters should be in sealed envelopes and attached to the application when submitted.* Completed applications and letters of recommendation need to be received at the Knox SWCD office by 4:00 p.m. on April 1st of the current calendar year. The application can be mailed or dropped off by the deadline.

Mail application to:

Knox SWCD
1025 Harcourt Road, PO Box 270
Mt. Vernon, OH 43050
Attention: Katie Hux

2010 Knox Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship Application

Student:

Parent/Guardian:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

High School:

College of Choice:

What term are you planning to start college?

What is your intended field of study?

Accomplishments or Activities:

Please Note: The two required short answer questions below. Please type your response of no more than 250 words double spaced and in paragraph form on a separate sheet of paper.

Questions #1: Please describe your intended course of study and explain how it relates to natural resources/conservation.

Question #2: Please explain your experiences or background with natural resources/conservation projects or activities.