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Informing, educating & guiding Iowans to conserve natural resources through our local Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Conservation Scholarship Application — Class of 2027

A. Instructions

1. **Complete this form** by typing or neatly handwriting your responses in the spaces provided below.
2. **Answer the ten (10) application questions** on separate pages.
    - Your responses must not exceed **four (4) single-sided, single-spaced pages**, using a **minimum 12-point Times New Roman font** and **1-inch margins**.
3. **Attach an official school transcript** that includes your attendance record, GPA, and current class rank.
    - If your school does not provide this information, please have a school official include a note on school letterhead stating that the information is unavailable.
4. **Attach your ACT, SAT, or other standardized test scores (optional).**
5. **Include one (1) letter of recommendation** from a teacher, school official, or employer.
    - Please do not submit more than one letter.
6. **Submit your completed application** and all required attachments to the **Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** office in the county where you reside **no later than Friday, February 5, 2027.**
    - To find your county SWCD office, visit https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator

B. Applicant Information

First Name_____ Last Name_____

County_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Date of Birth_____ Phone_____

Email_____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Phone_____

Planned Graduation Date: _____
GPA* _____ / _____
Class Rank* _____ / _____
Attendance Record* _____
ACT, SAT, or Other Test Score* _____

*Please include documentation supporting GPA, class rank, attendance record, and standardized test scores. ACT/SAT scores optional.

C. Application Questions

Please answer the following questions on separate pages, adhering to the formatting requirements listed above.

1. List the **name, location, and dates of attendance** for all high schools you have attended.
2. List your **school extracurricular activities** and indicate any **leadership roles** you held.
3. List your **community and volunteer activities** during high school and note any **leadership roles**.
4. Describe your **career goals**. Have you identified more than one? Are they compatible? How long have you been considering this career?
    - *Only students pursuing careers in conservation or agriculture are eligible. Preference will be given to those pursuing conservation careers.*
5. Name the college or university you plan to attend, and your planned major or program of study
6. What has influenced you most in choosing your potential career?
7. List any **part-time and/or summer jobs**, including the position held, employer, and location. Explain how these experiences have helped shape your career goals.
8. What are your **personal and professional goals** after completing your formal education? Please elaborate.
9. Why should you be considered for this scholarship?
10. **Essay:** *What does soil and water conservation mean to you?* (400–600 words) – note**: Essays determined to have been written using artificial intelligence software will be disqualified**.

D. Questions?

For assistance, please contact: Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI)
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