

# OGLE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District has established a scholarship to help outstanding students of soil, water, and related natural resources conservation to complete their education at any accredited two or four-year college or university. The amount of the scholarship will be **\$2,000**. The scholarship will be awarded prior to the first semester of their academic year. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, books, supplies and/or other course fees. Funds will be paid directly to the institution upon written instructions from the student.

## Eligibility

The student must:

- Have a permanent address in Ogle County
- Be planning to attend or attending an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university, or technical school as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours/semester).
- Be majoring in Soil and/or Water Conservation, Agronomy, Environmental Science or a related Natural Resources field
- Have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA (on a point scale of 4.0)

## Selection Criteria

- The applicant should be maintaining a Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a point scale of 4.0)
- The applicant should demonstrate an interest in soil and water conservation or related natural resource field.
- The successful applicant will be chosen from a balance of several important factors, including demonstrated academic achievements, community service related to conservation activities, statement of educational and career goals, and reference recommendations.
- The student must submit a copy of their College acceptance letter or their latest College transcript.
- Provide the most recent transcript (official or unofficial)

## Selection Committee

A committee selected by the Ogle County SWCD Board will screen all applications. The committee's decision will be based solely upon the student's achievement without regard to the student's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

To apply, fill out the application form and send it along with a copy of your most recent transcript, and all other supporting information to:

Scholarship Committee  
Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District  
1213 Pines Road, Suite 3  
Oregon, IL 61061

Or

E-mail to - [taylor.ogleswcd@yahoo.com](mailto:taylor.ogleswcd@yahoo.com)

***APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 17, 2026***

**APPLICATION FORM - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip

Telephone:

E-mail:

**High School Information**

High School:

Date of Graduation:

Class Rank:

Grade Point Average:

*(A copy of your transcript must be sent to the SWCD.)*

**College or University Information**

College or University Attending:

Have you been accepted for admission? or are you currently enrolled    Yes     No

Major Course of study:

Current Grade Point Average - A=4.0 (if applicable):

*(A copy of your most recent transcript must be sent to the SWCD.)*

Date on which you expect to graduate:

**Work Experience:**

Place of Employment	Position/Type of Work	Dates Employed
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References: **Name three individuals who are well acquainted with your abilities, education, and career goals.** Please list their name, mailing address, email address and telephone number. One of these can be your present academic advisor. **At least one letter of recommendation** from your references should be included:

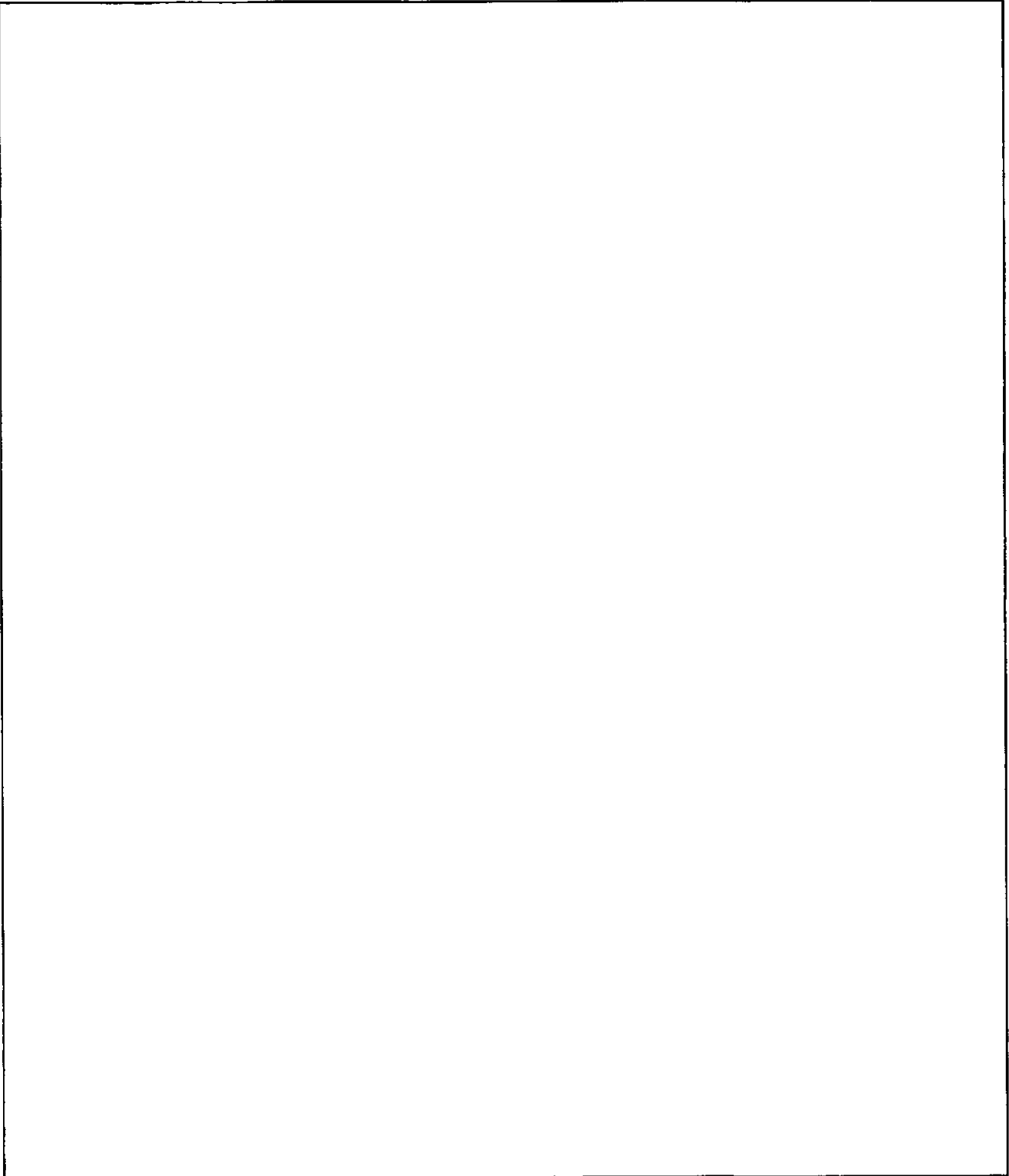
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3) \_\_\_\_\_

(Use this sheet, or you can choose to write/type on a separate page(s) if you wish).

**Choose a photo from our natural world (attach it to this application) and use it to help explain, in a minimum of 200 words and not more than 400 words, why you have chosen to pursue a career in conservation/natural resources field, and how it relates to the major that you have decided to pursue.**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to write their response to the prompt. The box is currently blank.

**List all extra-curricular or community activities, awards, and honors, including any offices held.**

Activity/Organization	Years	Awards, Achievements & Honors	Offices/Positions Held

I certify that the above information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying any of the information will result in my disqualification from the consideration of this scholarship. I understand the scholarship funds will be awarded only after the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District has received a college admission letter or most recent college transcript. All information received is considered confidential. All application documents become the property of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District and cannot be returned. The District may use such items as the scholarship winner's name, city, past community involvement and natural resource aspirations in the promotion of the Scholarship Program.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE FOR APPLICANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

Parent or Legal Guardian's SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your application!*

**The Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer. All programs and services are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.**