



## **Bureau County Soil & Water Conservation District 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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**Sponsor:** This award is sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Bureau County Soil & Water Conservation District.

**Purpose:** This scholarship has been established by the Bureau County Soil & Water Conservation District (BCSWCD) to assist outstanding students in obtaining a college education. The student awarded the scholarship should demonstrate commitment to soil and water conservation and potential for innovation and leadership ability.

**Eligibility:** Any student who is a high school senior or current college student and is seeking to obtain a degree in a natural-resource related field (agriculture included) is eligible for nomination.

**Selection Process & Award:** Annually, one student in Bureau County will be chosen by an appointed committee within BCSWCD to receive this award. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the student after their first semester of college has been successfully completed.

**Deadline:** This application form and all other required documentation must be received by **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

Mail application to: Bureau County SWCD  
312 E. Backbone Rd.  
Princeton, IL 61356

**OR** Email: [bureaucountyswcd@gmail.com](mailto:bureaucountyswcd@gmail.com)

Questions? Call (815) 875-8732 ext. 3; or send us an email.

**Application:**

Required fields are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

**A. Eligibility.** Students must meet these criteria to be eligible. Please initial.

\_\_\_\_ \* I confirm that I am a current resident of Bureau County, Illinois.

\_\_\_\_ \* I am currently a high school senior and will be attending a 2-yr or 4-yr college in the fall of 2026 as a full-time student.

OR

\_\_\_\_ \* I am currently a full-time college student and will be attending a 2-yr or 4-yr college in the fall of 2026.

\_\_\_\_ \* I intend to enroll (or am currently enrolled) in a *natural resource-related* degree program.

\*I will be (or am) enrolled in the following program(s) (check all that apply):

- Forestry
- Geography
- Environmental Science
- Natural Resources
- Ecology
- Soil Science
- Agriculture
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Personal Information.**

**a. \*Name**

First name\*-- Middle name(s) -- Last name\*:

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**b. \*Home address**

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_ \*State: \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**c. \*Primary telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**d. Secondary telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e. E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**f. \*Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Academic Information.**

a. **\*What school do you currently attend?**

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*What is your current GPA?: \_\_\_\_\_

b. **\*What college will you attend in 2026 - 2027?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_, or,

**Undecided. Colleges under consideration are:**

\_\_\_\_\_

c. **\*What profession or field of employment do you wish to enter with your college degree?**

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d. **\*Anticipated year of college graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Supplemental Materials.**

a. **\*Proof of Grades:** Submit a current copy of your high school transcript. Also, submit a current copy of your college transcript(s), if applicable.

b. **\*Essay Questions:**

- 1) Describe your past and current extracurricular and/or community activities, including offices held.
- 2) State your educational plans and career objectives for the next 5 years.
- 3) Elaborate on your interest and/or experience in soil and water conservation activities.

**\*Certification Statement:**

By signing my name below, I confirm that all the information provided above and in the accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_