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SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FROM THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Van Wert Soil and Water Conservation District is offering one \$500 scholarship to a student studying agriculture, natural resources or closely related fields at any Ohio college or university during the 2019/2020 academic year. Recipient of the scholarship need to have completed their freshman year in college, and must be a Van Wert County resident.

Scholarship applications must be received at the Soil and Water Conservation District by **May 8, 2020**. The Scholarship Committee of the Soil and Water Conservation District will review the applications, and announce recipients in June. Scholarship money will be sent directly to the recipient's college or university at the beginning of the academic year.

Criteria for determining the recipient will be area of study, grades, activities, leadership, and commitment to conservation practices. The SWCD reserves the right to refuse any applications not meeting requirements.

Scholarship applications are available at the Soil and Water Conservation District office, 1185 Professional Drive, Van Wert or on-line at www.vanwertswcd.org. Applications and two *reference forms* need to be received at the office by May 8.

The mission of the Van Wert SWCD is to protect and conserve the natural resources for all residents by providing technical, educational, and financial assistance.

**Soil and Water Conservation District
2019/2020 Scholarship Application**

Personal Information

Applicant's Name _____

Area of study _____

Name of College / University _____ Year in school _____

Parents or guardians _____

Address(es)

Van Wert County _____

College _____

Telephone number _____ (home)

_____ (college)

Email Address _____

High School Attended _____ Year Graduated _____

GPA (4.0 scale) _____ (high school) _____ (college)

List school activities other than classroom studies (for example FFA, music groups, clubs)? Include both high school and college. Note leadership roles where applicable.

List activities outside of school (for example church, 4-H, community organizations)? Include both high school and college. Note leadership roles where applicable.

List any honors or awards (including scholarships) you have received.

Write a 50 to 100 word paragraph explaining your chosen area of study.

Write a 50 to 100 word paragraph explaining how you intend to incorporate conservation in your career.

In submitting this application, I acknowledge that the information given is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in the termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Please include a current copy of your college transcript. Failure to provide a copy of your transcript will make this application invalid.

Two references are required to complete this application. Ask two individuals (relatives excluded) to complete the forms and mail them directly to the Soil and Water Conservation District office by May 8, 2020.

The Van Wert Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship

Personal Reference

Applicant's name: _____

The above student is applying for a \$500 scholarship offered by the Van Wert Soil and Water Conservation District. This scholarship is intended for a student pursuing a degree in agriculture, natural resources, or a closely related field.

Please have recommendations in by May 8, 2020.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

Please rate the applicant in the following areas.

	Superior	Good	Average	Weak	Poor
Determination to complete tasks					
Ability to work with others					
Leadership skills					
Communication skills					
Commitment to chosen field					

Please write comments on any of the above or related areas. Use the back of this page or attach as necessary.

Your Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____ Date _____

Please send directly to: **Van Wert Soil and Water Conservation District**
1185 Professional Drive,
Van Wert, OH 45891