

Warren County Conservation District

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The Heather Wilcox Scholarship

The Heather Wilcox Scholarship is awarded annually by the Warren County Conservation District to a deserving student planning to continue her/his education in an agricultural related field or service.

This scholarship is named for Heather Wilcox, who served as the Warren County Conservation District Manager. A Penn State graduate in Animal Science, Mrs. Wilcox devoted her entire life to agricultural and conservation issues. She worked with local farmers to implement best management practices, and to educate countless children, teens and adults about the importance of agriculture and the environment. She did all of this with a sense of humor, strong work ethic, integrity, and respect. Heather was also very active in the Warren County 4-H dairy cow and horse programs for many years. The Conservation District is proud to offer this scholarship in her name, to promote agricultural education in our county's youth.

HEATHER WILCOX SCHOLARSHIP POLICY STATEMENT

The Heather Wilcox Scholarship is designed to aid a student in preparation for a career in a agricultural related field of study. This would be a career choice that would directly serve the agricultural community.

Some examples of fields and careers include but are not limited to are: Agricultural & Food Science Technician, Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Robotics & technology, Ag Education, Horticulture, Farm Management, Animal Science, and Agricultural Economics.

The following is a list of criteria that is used in determining the award recipient:

- (1) A complete application. Don't forget a requested step or action. Applications missing Required components for the scholarship will be disqualified.
- (2) Quality Grades. Better grades and SAT scores will advance your chances of being chosen. While grades are not the sole criteria for this award, they are strongly considered.
- (3) A strong personal letter. This item could strengthen and help offset a weaker grade showing.
- (4) Recommendations. Excellent recommendations, especially in the case of only average or slightly above average grades would weigh more heavily.
- (5) Agricultural and/ or Conservation Experience. Experience especially in the case of only average or slightly above average grades would weigh more heavily.
- (6) Finally, NEED. In cases where applicant's grades are at least average or above average, with all other criteria being equal, our final decision in these cases will be based on need.

The Heather Wilcox Scholarship is designed to provide for the immediate needs of Warren County students pursuing careers in agricultural related fields, at the same time promoting agricultural education in our county's youth. Application deadline is **March 2, 2026 by 4:00PM**. Any applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

**APPLICATION
WARREN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HEATHER WILCOX SCHOLARSHIP**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FULLY.

Full Name _____

Phone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Name _____

Occupation, Employer _____

Mother's Name _____

Occupation, Employer _____

No. of Children in family _____ List names and ages below.

No. in high school or younger _____ No. in college _____

No. self-supporting _____

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What school are you now attending? _____

List academic achievements or honors _____

Extra-curricular activities _____

What outside activities do you enjoy the most?

Academic classification: Check which college level you will be next year.

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other

What schools have you registered to or been accepted at? _____

[Include letter(s) of acceptance.]

What will your major be? _____

Have you been awarded or expect financial assistance? Where? _____

Are you now working? _____

Where? _____

ATTACH ON SEPARATE SHEETS THE FOLLOWING:

- Essay story (at least one page): About your most memorable / meaningful agricultural experience.
- If under 19, include a letter from your parent or guardian stating her/his expectations of your future.
- Two-character references: one must be from a teacher or guidance counselor on an attached sheet; the other may be from an employer, neighbor, member of clergy, etc. (no relatives)
- Transcript of grades from the immediate past two years of formal education.
- Copy/copies of letter(s) of acceptance.

The district will forward the scholarship directly to the recipient's Financial Aid Office at his or her college or university of choice.

Applications must be received by **4:00pm on March 2, 2026**. Submit applications to:

WARREN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
4000 CONEWANGO AVE
WARREN, PA 16365

The preceding information is to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____