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The Ralph G. Eckert Scholarship

The Ralph G. Eckert Scholarship is awarded annually by the Warren County Conservation District to a deserving student planning to continue her/his education in a conservation related field or service.

This scholarship is named for Ralph Eckert, who served in the Soil Conservation Service in Warren County from 1950-1966. A Penn State graduate in Forestry, Mr. Eckert devoted his entire life to conservation issues. He was a frequent lecturer and instructor of youth on proper stewardship of our natural resources. He was also active in the Boy Scout movement, wrote columns for the local newspaper, and contributed articles to outdoor magazines. In addition, Mr. Eckert was instrumental in planning and developing the Outdoor Ecology Lab at Eisenhower High School. The Conservation District is proud to offer this scholarship in his name, to promote the love of the outdoors, and the conservation of natural resources through education.

ECKERT SCHOLARSHIP POLICY STATEMENT

The Ralph G. Eckert Scholarship is designed to aid a student in preparation for a career in a conservation related field of study. This would be a career choice that would directly serve the goal of conserving the natural resources for future generations.

Some fields and careers chosen by past applicants and recipients include: Forestry and Wildlife Management, Forestry, Environmental Planning and Management, Agronomy, Forest Science, and Earth Science, to illustrate some examples.

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.
- (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 strong consideration.
- (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) 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 Ralph G. Eckert Scholarship is designed to provide for the immediate needs of Warren County students pursuing careers in conservation related fields, at the same time providing for the future needs of all of us by conserving our natural resources through education and service. Application deadline is **March 2, 2026** by **4:00PM**.

Policy adopted on December 12, 1989
Policy revised on October 28, 1999

**APPLICATION
WARREN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RALPH G. ECKERT 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

At what schools have you been accepted? _____

[Include letter(s) of acceptance.]

Where do you plan to register? _____

What will your major be? _____

Have you been awarded any scholarship help this year or any previous year? _____

If you were awarded scholarship help where did you receive the scholarship(s) from and how much did you receive? _____

Are you now working? _____

Where? _____

ATTACH ON SEPARATE SHEETS THE FOLLOWING:

- Applicant's letter, one page or less, "What the Ralph G. Eckert Scholarship means to me."
- 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.
- Transcript of grades from the immediate past two years of formal education.
- Copy/copies of letter(s) of acceptance.

The Warren County Conservation District Scholarship committee retains the right to request an interview with any and all applicants. The interview date will be announced. Information at this interview will be used in our selection.

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:

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