Ottawa Soil & Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2027 Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship

Purpose - To promote the education of Ottawa County students planning to pursue a degree in agriculture, natural resources or a related field.

Qualifications - Applications will be accepted from students meeting the following criteria:

1. Either a 2027 graduating senior or a graduate that attended an ***Ottawa County High School***
2. Enrolled for Fall 2027 as a full-time student at a two or four-year accredited college, technical school or university
3. Pursuing a degree in agriculture, natural resources or a related field

***** Although prior recipients are encouraged to submit an application, the Scholarship Selection Committee will take this into consideration during their review process*****

Conditions of the Scholarship- The Ottawa SWCD will award two (2) one-thousand-dollar ($1,000) college scholarships to Ottawa County graduating seniors for the 2026-2027 academic year, or a past graduate. The scholarship award will be processed through the school's scholarship office and will be available to the student in May 2027.

Deadlines-

Friday, March 26th, 2027	**Application due to Ottawa SWCD office by 4:00 P.M.**
Wednesday, April 7th, 2027	District's selected applicants will be determined
April 26-April 30, 2027	Scholarship award winners will be notified
Wednesday, September 22nd, 2027	Scholarship winners will be recognized at the Ottawa SWCD Annual Banquet

Instructions- Submit the following:

1. Completed application
2. Essay (400-500 words)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation
4. Current high school or college transcript

Return Application, Essay, Transcript and Letters of Recommendation to:

Ottawa Soil & Water Conservation District
240 W. Lake St. Unit B
Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449
Or electronically to: becky.simpson@ottawaswcd.com
By March 26th at 4:00 P.M.
If you have questions, please contact the Ottawa SWCD office at 419-898-1595

2027 Scholarship Application

A. Personal Information

1. Applicant's Name_____
   Last First Middle

2. Home Address_____

   _____

3. County of Residence _____

4. Home Telephone Number (_____) _____

5. Date of Birth ____/____/_____

6. Email: _____

B. Educational Background

Attach your most recent official transcript. Your official transcript must show the official school seal.

1. High School Information:

Name of High School _____

High School Address _____City_____

State _____Zip _____ Phone (_____)_____

Anticipated or Actual Date of Graduation_____

Number of students in your class: _____ Class Rank: _____

Current or ending GPA: _____ on a _____ GPA scale

2. College, University, or Technical School Information

School you will be attending in the fall of 2027 _____

School Address _____City_____

State _____Zip _____ Admissions Office Phone (_____)_____

Major or Intended Field of Study: _____

C. List your involvement in school co-curricular activities/groups by year, including leadership positions held and awards/honors received.

Activity/Group/Organization	9	10	11	12	Leadership Positions, Honors, Awards

D. List your involvement in volunteer organizations and community service activities, including leadership positions held and awards/honors received.

Community Organization	9	10	11	12	Leadership Positions, Honors, Awards

E. References/Letters of Recommendation

Attach recommendation letters from 2 references – other than family members – who can provide additional information about your academic and community activities. List below details on those from whom you have requested recommendation letters.

1. Name of Reference: _____

   Position/Relation to Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____

   Address: _____

2. Name of Reference: _____

   Position/Relation to Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____

   Address: _____

F. Essay

1. Attach a typed essay of approximately 400-500 words describing why you chose a career path in agriculture or natural resources. Include your career goals and what steps you feel are necessary to accomplish these goals.

G. Certification

1. In submitting this application, I hereby certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. I authorize the release of all scholarship materials and grade information to all members of the scholarship selection committee.

   Applicant: _____ Date: _____

   Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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