



2018 Scholarship Application Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District

The Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District will award two scholarships this year, one in the sum of **\$1,000** and the other in the sum of **\$500**. **Additional Scholarships may be available depending on funds availability and applications that meet the requirements.** Scholarships presented at the Soil & Water Conservation Annual Banquet that will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at T&S Farm in Leesville, South Carolina. The scholarship checks are jointly written to the recipient and the college or university attending. Subsequent funding, after the Freshman year through the Senior year, up to \$100 for school materials will be available if:

- Scholarships recipients provide an oral presentation of up to ten minutes to the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District Board on their progress within their Major after each school year.
- Has not changed their initial Major outside the agricultural or environmental fields.
- Has maintained at least a 2.5 GPA

The scholarships are presented to high school seniors residing in Lexington County who will be attending a South Carolina college, university, or technical college. The applicants must be planning a major in an agricultural or environmental related field such as: vocational agriculture education, agriculture economics or engineering, agronomy, natural resources, biology, forestry, horticulture, etc.

The recipients must demonstrate ability, knowledge, and need in the application. The applicants must have met admission requirements and have been accepted to the institutions of their choice.

Sponsors of this scholarship program include: Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Commissioners, businesses, organizations, and individual citizens who have designated funds for this program.

The deadline for this application and supporting material should be submitted to the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District at 123 Park Road, Lexington, South Carolina 29072 by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on **Thursday, April 5, 2018**. If you have any questions please call Tina Blum at 803-358-8688.

Part 1 - completed by the applicant and guidance counselor.

Part 2 - completed by the applicant.

Please type or print clearly



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Part 1:

Applicant Information:

Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent's or Guardian's Name

Father: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother: _____ Occupation: _____

School Information: Please attach a copy of most recent transcript.

High School Attending: _____

Class Rank: _____

College Entrance Exam: _____

Test Scores: _____

Advanced test scores if taken: Science _____ Math _____

Major Courses Taken (list courses with emphasis toward your college major – include science, agriculture, horticulture, environmental courses, etc.):

Subject

Final grade

College or University Attending: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Address of College: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Attach letters of recommendation, from a guidance counselor or teacher (limit 2) and attach college acceptance letter (if applicable).

Signature of Applicant:

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor:

_____ Date: _____

Part 2:

**To be completed by the applicant. Please type or print information clearly.
Please respond by legible narrative using the following outline.**

- A. List your extra-curricular activities and achievements in school or community during the last two years (include any honors, awards, and offices held).
- B. Briefly outline your personal views about the importance of soil, water, plant and animal resources.
- C. Describe the projects or activities in which you have participated to enhance, promote or encourage soil, water and other resource conservation.
- D. What are your career goals?
- E. Explain your financial need. Indicate how this scholarship will be used.
- F. List any other special needs or conditions to support your request to be considered for this scholarship.
- G. **References:** In addition to the letters made by your guidance counselor or teachers in Part I of this application, please attach two additional statements from others of your own choosing (Employers, Community Leaders, etc.).

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Criteria for Judging

Academic Standing: total 40%

- College Exam Score – 10%
- Advance Test Score – 10%
- Course Work – 10%
- Class Rank – 10%

Career Goals – 20%

Extracurricular – 15%

Financial Need – 15%

References – 10%