

Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District 2023 Ag Scholarship Application



The Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District (NSWCD) will be awarding two \$1,000.00 scholarships to a graduating senior or current college student from Newberry County. The scholarship checks will be written directly to the college/university the student plans to attend.

These students must be already attending or planning to attend and have been accepted by a college, university, or technical college to pursue a degree in agriculture, wildlife biology, forestry, Ag education, environmental natural resources field, or any related field, in the fall of 2023.

All applications must be mailed to or dropped off at the Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District office located in the USDA Service Center at 719 Kendall Road, Newberry, SC 29108. This year email applications will be accepted to Newberrysoilandwater@gmail.com, NSWCD also offers as a fillable .pdf version to be completed online at their website www.newberyswcd.com. Please answer all short answer questions on a separate typed document. Answers should be double spaced 12-point Calibri or Arial font.

The deadline for all applications will be midnight of Friday, April 14th, 2023. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline. Winners will be chosen anonymously by April 26th, 2023.

Completed application should include the following for full consideration:

- 1) Application Form (attached)
- 2) Answers to the Short Answers Questions (attached)
- 3) Answer to the Essay Question
- 4) Most Recent High School or College Transcript (unofficial transcripts are allowed)
- 5) Copy of College Acceptance Letter (for High School Students) or Enrollment Letter (for current College/University students). Letter must contain student ID number.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the NSWCD District Coordinator, Crista Lukoski at (803) 597-3160 or Newberrysoilandwater@gmail.com.

Note: These scholarships will be available (upon reapplication every year) for up to 4 years, consecutively or non-consecutively. This will not guarantee the applicant will receive the scholarship; however, each applicant is not limited to only one scholarship winning.

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Application Form

Name:Click or tap here to enter text.

Address:Click or tap here to enter text.

City:Click or tap here to enter text. **State:**Click or tap here to enter text. **Zip:**Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone:Click or tap here to enter text.

Email:Click or tap here to enter text.

Institution currently attending:Click or tap here to enter text.

Current GPA:Click or tap here to enter text.

Institution to be enrolled in 2023-2024:_____Click or tap here to enter text.

Program of Study:Click or tap here to enter text.

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Short Answer Questions

Answer *all* questions in complete sentences with correct spelling. Please use only the space provided – these are *short* answer questions.

1. Have you ever worked in or been involved in any agriculture, wildlife biology, forestry, or any other environmental natural resources field? This can include school projects, volunteer time, etc. Explain what you did and how it helped you learn about that field of study. If you have not worked or been involved in any such fields explain your interest in this field of study.

Click or tap here to enter text.

2. What are your future plans for becoming a Steward of the Land?

Click or tap here to enter text.

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Essay Question

Using a separate sheet of paper please answer **only one** of the following questions in 1,500 – 2,000 words. Please ensure all submissions are double spaced 12 point Calibri or Arial typeface. Please include the one question selected at the top of the document.

2023 Essay Question:

- What is one thing you hope to have people understand about resource conservation practices in the future?
- What do you see as the greatest threat to the environment today?
- Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development?