

# Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District

## 2026 Ag Scholarship Application

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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 2026.

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](mailto:Newberrysoilandwater@gmail.com), NSWCD also offers as a fillable .pdf version to be completed online at their website [www.newberyswcd.com](http://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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline. Winners will be chosen anonymously by April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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](mailto: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:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Institution currently attending:

Current GPA:

Institution to be enrolled in 2026-2027: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study:

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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. Why have you chosen this field of study for your career path?

2. What does resource conservation mean to you?

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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.

### 2026 Essay Question:

1. What do you know about Regenerative Farming? What impact do you think it will have on future generations?
2. Describe something that you have done for your family or community that you care about the most and why?