



Keystone Chapter 2017 Scholarship Announcement

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The Keystone Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is offering two \$500 scholarships to college undergraduate students in the fields of agriculture, environmental studies, soils, or natural resources, who are currently attending college in Pennsylvania. Applicants should have sophomore, junior, or senior status. Applications are to be postmarked no later than **March 10th, 2017**. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a combination of academic merit and program of study, quality of the student's essay and application, financial need, and educational and career goals that are consistent with the SWCS mission. The SWCS strives to foster the science and art of natural resource conservation. Our work targets conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources on working land— land which is used to produce food and fiber. SWCS also promotes other services that improve the quality of life people experience in rural and urban communities. We work to discover, develop, implement, and improve ways to use land that sustains its productive capacity and enhances the environment. The scholarships will be available in late March or in April. Successful applicants will be notified by postal mail soon after the committee has arrived at a decision. We request that winners of previous years not apply a second time. Applications will soon be available at our website: **www.keystoneswcs.org**.

Please make the enclosed application available to students at your University and feel free to distribute copies to other departments that have eligible students. Part of this year's scholarship was once again made possible by a generous donation from the Pennsylvania chapter of the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE)

If you need additional information, please contact:

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Keystone Chapter \$500 Scholarship

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Application for 2017

Name _____
Last First Middle

Home Address _____

_____ Home phone _____

Present Address _____

_____ Present phone _____

If you would like to receive notifications by email, please clearly print email address:

Email: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Year in college 2016 - 2017: (Sophomore (Junior (Senior
(This scholarship is not open to high school students nor college Freshmen)

Pennsylvania college or university at which scholarship funds will be applied if awarded:
(This scholarship is only available to students attending an institute of higher education located in Pennsylvania)

Name of College Advisor _____

What is your major course of study? _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Please write an essay, 500 to 750 words, stating your background, attitude towards conservation and how they are similar to the goals of SWCS, objectives of your educational pursuits and career plans, and why you believe you deserve this scholarship. In addition, list two or three of the more serious conservation/environmental problems that you think society is currently facing.

DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON THESE PAGES.

(Application continued on next page)

Provide information on three references. Include your most recent employer.

| Name and Title | Relationship to you (former supervisor, academic advisor, etc.) | Address | Phone # |
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List credit courses completed, or in progress, which provide a background to your understanding of natural resources, conservation or environmental issues:

Extra-curricular activities, leadership positions held, volunteer positions, clubs, etc:

Jobs held to earn money for college:

Scholarships you are currently holding: please specify the source and amount:

List the percentage of your funds for this current college year that come from:

Parents:_____ % Earned income:_____ % Loans:_____ % Grants:_____ %

Scholarship:_____ % Other(Explain):_____ %

Size of parents' household_____ # of children in college_____

Occupations of parent(s) or guardian(s)_____

Application Deadline: postmarked no later than March 10th, 2017.

Complete application includes form, essay, and current transcript. Official transcripts are highly encouraged as they are easier to read and have complete information. Submit all to:

Keystone SWCS Scholarship Chair

4177 E. Main St.

Belleville, PA 17004

Contact e-mail: soillady0504@gmail.com

Incomplete applications and those without transcripts will not be considered.

Applications also accepted by email.