

# Cass County SWCD



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Dear Educators & Guidance Counselor

The Cass County SWCD is offering scholarships again this year. Graduating seniors that are continuing their studies in **agriculture or natural resources only are eligible to apply**. Applications are due back the SWCD office by **Friday, February 16, 2018**. The Cass County SWCD will accept the Conservation Districts of Iowa scholarship form for their local scholarship. **Students will only need to fill out the enclosed application to apply for BOTH scholarships.** Please feel free to contact our office for assistance at (712) 243-3180 Ext #3.

Please make sure that scholarship applications have a current photo

### **Application deadlines are as follows;**

Cass SWCD & Conservation Districts of Iowa Scholarship- February 16, 2018

Sincerely,

*Frederick Kay, Chairman*

Cc: Guidance Counselor

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Conservation Districts of Iowa  
Conservation Scholarship Rules  
Class of 2018

### Purpose

CDI is partnering with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) to foster the higher education endeavors of Iowa students interested in conservation and agriculture by offering scholarships. Iowa High School Class of 2018 students pursuing programs of study in any field of conservation or agriculture qualifies for the Conservation Scholarship. While this is a wide field and many studies qualify, preference will be given to students pursuing programs of study in conservation. The scholarship must be used for the student's first year of college education.

### 2018 Application & Instructions

Please note that the application form has been changed. Application forms from previous years will not qualify. Follow the instructions on the application closely. Applications filled out incorrectly will not qualify. Pay close attention to deadlines. Applications submitted after set deadlines will not be considered. The application is available at [www.cd Iowa.org](http://www.cd Iowa.org).

### Application Process & Deadlines

- **October, 2017:** Participating SWCDs get the word out about the 2018 Conservation Scholarship.
- **Friday, February 16, 2018:** Applicants must submit their scholarship applications to the SWCD Office in the county which they reside in. Visit <https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/districtMap> and select your county on the map to locate your county SWCD Office.
- **Friday, March 16, 2018:** The local SWCD chooses a county application to forward on to their CDI Regional Director.
- **Friday, March 30, 2018:** The CDI Regional Director chooses a regional application to forward on for consideration at the state level.
- **Friday, April 13, 2018:** A judging team of CDI Officers, Regional Directors & Alternates then make the final selections. There are nine CDI regions.
- **Monday, April 23, 2018:** CDI will then alert the local SWCD offices with winning applicants. Local SWCD offices will in turn notify the student, school and local media.
- **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IF SUBMITTED AFTER THESE DEADLINES.**

### Awards

After final selections, the top three scholarships will be awarded at the state level in the amounts of \$4000, \$3000 and \$2000. Winners from the remaining six regions will each receive \$600. First, second and third place awards will be paid directly to the applicant's school of choice in two equal installments, one upon enrollment at the beginning of the year and the second at midterm. The six other scholarships will be paid directly to the students.

*\*\*The Region 6 Conservation Scholarship Winner will receive an additional \$350 from the Larry Beeler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please see the attached sheet with details on Larry Beeler and this scholarship.\*\**

### Selection Criteria

Scholarship applications are judged based on the following criteria:

- 20 points for Involvement, Leadership and Character
- 20 points for Career
- 30 points for Scholastic Achievement
- 30 points for Conservation Message

**Please include a current photo**

If you have questions, please contact Conservation Districts of Iowa, [admin@cd Iowa.org](mailto:admin@cd Iowa.org), 515.289.8300



FILLABLE FORM CAN BE FOUND AT:  
<http://cdiowa.org>

Conservation Districts of Iowa  
Conservation Scholarship Application  
Class of 2018

Please include current photo

### Instructions

1. Fill in the below portion of this page by typing or clearly hand writing the answers on the lines provided.
2. Answer the 9 questions that follow on a separate page. Do not allow your answers to exceed four, single-sided, single-spaced pages with a minimum of a 12 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins.
3. Have your school official attach to this application your **official** transcript, which must include your school attendance record, GPA and current class ranking. If your school does not provide this information, please have your school official provide a note on school letterhead indicating that information is not available.
4. Attach your ACT, SAT or other standardized test scores.
5. One letter of recommendation from your school or an employer is **required**. Please do not submit more than one letter.
6. Please print and return this application with attachments to the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office in the county that you reside in by **Friday, February 16, 2018**. Select your county on the map at <https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/districtMap> to locate your county SWCD Office.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Planned Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ GPA\* \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Rank\* \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance Record\* \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT, SAT or other standardized test score\* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Be sure to provide documentation to support GPA, Class Rank, Attendance Record and ACT, SAT or other standardized test score information entered above. If your school does not provide this information, please have your school official provide a note on school letterhead indicating that information is not available.**

1. List the name, location and dates of attendance of *all* High Schools you have attended.
2. List your school extra curricula activities. Indicate if you had a leadership role.
3. List any community and other activities you were involved in during High School. Indicate if you had a leadership role.
4. What are your career goals? Have you made more than one? Are they compatible with each other and why? How long have you been thinking of this career choice? *Only those pursuing careers in conservation or agriculture qualify for this scholarship. Preference will be given to students pursuing careers in conservation.*
5. What has helped you the most in choosing your potential career?
6. What part-time and summer jobs have you held? Indicate how they have helped in your choice of career. List the position you held, the employer and the location.
7. Do you have personal and business goals for after your formal education? Please elaborate.
8. Why should you be considered for this scholarship?
9. What does soil and water conservation mean to you? *400-600 word essay.*
10. **What role does a Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner play to promote soil and water conservation? Please Note: Only Applicants from Region 6 - Boone, Dallas, Greene, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Story & Warren Counties - need to answer this question to qualify for the additional \$350 Larry Beeler Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

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