

Whiteside County Natural Area Guardians Scholarship Application

The Whiteside County Natural Area Guardians, a committee of the Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District, will offer two scholarships to college students who are pursuing a degree in the area of conservation and/or environmental science. The scholarships are available for the student's junior year and will be subject for renewal for the student's senior year at an institution of higher learning. First consideration is given to students who reside in Whiteside County.

Scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institution and will be renewable on a one-time basis at the discretion of the scholarship committee. Awards will be made after the following instructions have been completed and submitted for consideration:

1. Completed application form by May 1st prior to student's junior year
2. Copy of the applicant's most recent transcript
3. Two letters of recommendation from individuals other than a relative of the applicant (Forms are included in the application form and should be sent directly from the individual writing the recommendation)
4. A. If the applicant is transferring to a college other than the one in which he is currently enrolled, a copy of the letter of acceptance or admission must be sent, OR
B. If the applicant is already enrolled in the school in which he plans to continue study, a letter from the college must be sent stating that the applicant is a student in good standing

All of the above information will be considered in determining the recipients of the scholarship awards. If there is not sufficient space to answer any question, attach a separate sheet of paper to the application. **ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.** A personal interview may be requested at a later time. Scholarship recipients may be asked to submit a photo for newspaper release.

Return the completed application form to:

Scholarship Committee, Natural Area Guardians
C/O Carolyn Keller
1716 W. 4th Street
Sterling, Illinois 61081-3125

**Whiteside County Natural Area Guardians
Scholarship Application**

Name _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Address _____
Street City State/Zip code

Present Address _____
(If different from above)

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

SS# or College ID _____

Name and Phone Number of a relative or friend who will know how to reach you throughout your educational experience:

Name	Relationship	Phone #
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Family Information

Father _____

Address _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Marital Status: Married _____, Divorced/Separated _____, Widowed _____

Mother _____

Address _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Marital Status: Married _____, Divorced/Separated _____, Widowed _____

Marital Status of Applicant _____

If married, please complete 1 and 2:

1. Spouse _____

2. Occupation of Spouse _____

Education of Applicant

High School	Name	Dates	Graduated	GPA
Institution of Higher Learning				
Name				
Dates				
GPA				

Presently enrolled at _____

Address: _____

If transferring, please list the name and address of that school:

You will be attending (check): Full time _____ Part time _____

Degree you will receive _____ Expected graduation date _____

Extracurricular Activities

List high school, college, and community activities in which you have participated:

Name of Organization	Dates	Position Held

List any honors or recognition received:

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Work Experience

Employer	Duties	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Who will be primarily responsible for financing your education?

Family _____ Self _____ Other _____

List any other scholarships or financial assistance you will be receiving.

_____ Amount _____

Name of scholarship or organization

_____ Amount _____

Name of scholarship or organization

Personal Statement

Please write of your interest in the area of conservation, environment, wildlife, etc., your career plans, and how you hope to achieve your goals. Include any other information you feel may be helpful to the scholarship committee in determining your qualifications for this scholarship.

Letter of Recommendation

Applicant's Name _____

Relationship to Writer _____

This student has applied for a scholarship from the Whiteside County Natural Area Guardians, a committee of the Soil and Water Conservation District. Please help in our selection process by providing your perception of the student. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? Where does the applicant stand in consideration of qualities of honesty, dependability, attitude, intelligence, ability to work with others, punctuality, etc. Do you feel that the applicant is suited for a career in the conservation/environmental science field? To your knowledge, has the applicant overcome any hardships or unique situations? Would you hesitate to recommend this applicant for any reason?

All information will be held in strict confidence.

Please mail the completed recommendation to:

Scholarship Committee, Whiteside County Natural Area Guardians
C/O Carolyn Keller, 1716 W. 4th Street, Sterling, Illinois 61081-3125.

Thank you very much for your assistance.