



Conservation Districts of Iowa
Conservation Scholarship Application
Class of 2014

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 10 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 font.
3. Have your school official attach to this application your **official** transcript which must include your school attendance record, GPA and current class ranking.
4. Attach your ACT, SAT or other standardized test scores.
4. One letter of recommendation from your school or an employer is **required**. Please do not submit more than one letter.
5. 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 28, 2014**. Visit <https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/districtMap> and select your county on the map to locate your county SWCD Office.

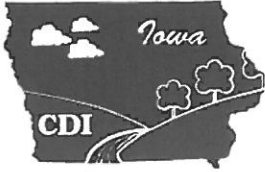
First Name _____ Middle _____ Last Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ County _____
Fathers Full Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
Mother Full Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
Planned Date of Graduation _____ GPA* _____
Class Rank* _____ Attendance Record* _____
ACT, SAT or other standardized test score* _____

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. List any hobbies and special interests not listed in the previous questions.
5. 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.*
6. What has helped you the most in choosing your potential career?
7. What school or schools have you chosen to pursue your career? List school names and indicate locations.
8. 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.
9. Do you have personal and business goals for after your formal education? Please elaborate.
10. Why should you be considered for this scholarship?

***11. 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.*

*** Be sure to provide documentation to support GPA, Class Rank, Attendance Record and ACT, SAT or other standardized test score information entered above.**

If you have questions, please contact Conservation Districts of Iowa,
clare.lindahl@cdiowa.org, 515.289.8300.



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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 2014 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.

2014 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.cdiowa.org.

Application Process & Deadlines

- **Friday, February 28, 2014:** 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, April 4, 2014:** The local SWCD chooses a county application to forward on to their CDI Regional Director.
- **Friday, April 18, 2014:** The CDI Regional Director chooses a regional application to forward on for consideration at the state level. A judging team of CDI officers, regional directors & alternates then make the final selections. There are nine CDI regions.
- **Friday, April 25, 2014:** CDI will then alert the local SWCD offices with winning applicants. Local SWCD offices will in turn notify the student, school & 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 **\$3500, \$2500 and \$1500**. Winners from the **remaining six regions** will each receive **\$550**. First, second and third place awards will be paid directly to the applicants' 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:

40 points for scholastic achievement

20 points for involvement

20 point for leadership, character and motivation

20 points for career with preference given to careers related to conservation

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