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March 16, 2004

**OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK260-4-3**

**SUBJECT: INF – SWCS Scholarships in Conservation**

**Purpose:** To provide information to field offices about scholarship opportunities

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2004

The SWCS Scholarships in Conservation are being announced. Attached to this bulletin you will find a copy of the scholarship rules, application form, and a press release. You are encouraged to provide copies to those individuals who may be interested in these \$500 scholarships and to submit the press release to local newspapers in your area. Applications are due April 30, 2004.

There are individuals working for NRCS and the conservation districts who are going to school and may be eligible. You also may know of other students in your district who may be good candidates for the scholarships.

This is another opportunity to promote conservation.

/s/ - (Jimmy G. Ford – Acting)

M. DARREL DOMINICK  
State Conservationist

Attachments

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# **OKLAHOMA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION, Mar. 16, 2004, CONTACT CLARK WILLIAMS (405) 466-3469**

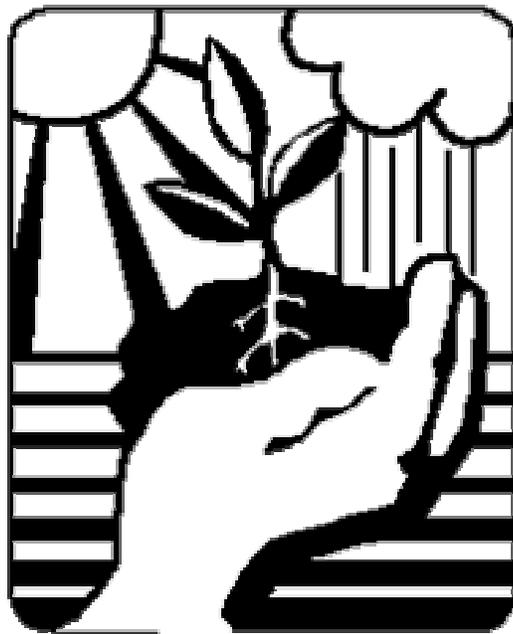
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The All-Oklahoma Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is accepting applications from college sophomores and juniors for the SWCS Scholarships in Conservation Program. The purpose of this scholarship program is to encourage qualified students to increase their interests in natural resource conservation and pursue a career in this area of study.

A maximum of three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to qualified applicants. Applicants must be current residents of Oklahoma and must be undergraduates who have completed three semesters at an accredited Oklahoma College or University. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) or better in their major field. Applicants must be enrolled or intending to enroll in an agricultural or natural resources related curriculum.

Applications must be received by April 30, 2004. Recipients of the award will be announced in June. Applications may be obtained from individual Oklahoma college and university agricultural departments, Natural Resources Conservation Service field offices, or by contacting Clark Williams, SWCS Scholarship Chairman, at (405) 466-3469.

**SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION SOCIETY**



**All - Oklahoma Chapter  
Scholarships in Conservation**

# **SWCS All – Oklahoma Chapter Scholarships in Conservation Award**

## **Who We Are**

The Soil & Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is a nonprofit, multidisciplinary organization for anyone interested in natural resource management and conservation. Its mission is to foster the science and the art of soil, water and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability. We promote and practice an ethic recognizing the interdependence of people and the environment. Members come from government agencies, corporations, universities, consulting firms, nonprofit organizations, and special interest groups - a diversity that promotes balance and credibility.

## **Scholarship Objective**

The Scholarships in Conservation Award is intended to encourage qualified students to increase their interest in natural resource conservation, to obtain technical competence in natural resource conservation, and to pursue a career in this area of endeavor. The scholarships are given annually by the All – Oklahoma Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Scholarship applicants must be current residents of Oklahoma and must be undergraduates who have completed three semesters at an accredited Oklahoma College or University. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) or better in their major field. Applicants must be enrolled or intending to enroll in an agricultural or natural resources related curriculum. Applications will be evaluated on financial need, academic ability, and other qualifications submitted. Previous recipients are eligible provided they submit a new application.

## **Amount**

Scholarships will be \$500 each with a maximum of three scholarships awarded each year. The actual number awarded will be at the discretion of the SWCS Scholarship Committee.

## **Applications**

Applications must be submitted by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Recipients will be notified prior to the Chapter's Annual Conference held in June. Recipients will be invited to the Awards ceremony at the Conference. Complete applications should be submitted to the All – Oklahoma SWCS Chapter, c/o Clark Williams, 4017 Yorkshire Dr., Stillwater, Oklahoma, 74074. For questions concerning the scholarships, phone (405) 466-3469.



14. What Percentage Of Your Funds For College Have Or Will Come From: Parents \_\_\_\_\_%  
Work \_\_\_\_\_% Loans \_\_\_\_\_% Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_% Other \_\_\_\_\_%

15. Are Other Children In Your Family Currently Attending College? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, List Name And School \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. List Positions Of Leadership That You Hold Or Have Held (High School or College):

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17. List Any Work Experiences Or Jobs (Summer, Part-Time, Full-Time) Which Was Related Or Had An Effect On Soil And Water Conservation

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18. Attach A One-Page Letter Which Describes The Following: Background, Attitudes Toward Conservation, Educational Objectives, Career Plans, and Financial Need.

19. Attach Three Letters Of Recommendations. (One Of The Recommendations Should Be From Your College Academic Advisor.)

20. Attach A Copy Of Your College Transcript Showing All Completed Courses To Date. (Minimum of Three Semesters.)

21. Signature Of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

22. Return Completed Applications To The Scholarship Committee Chair: Clark Williams  
4017 Yorkshire Drive  
Stillwater, OK 74074