



**The Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District (TJSWCD)  
College Scholarship Awards Program  
2020 GUIDELINES**

**PURPOSE**

To promote the education of Virginia citizens in technical fields with natural resource conservation and environmental protection. To give financial support to students majoring in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies.

**CRITERIA**

- Individual applicants must be full-time students enrolled in or who have applied to a college freshman level curriculum. Applicants shall document a class ranking in the top 20% of his or her graduating class or a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement.
- **The applicant's most recent official transcript (transcript is valid only when signed, dated and raised school seal affixed) must accompany the application. A copy of a school transcript will NOT be accepted.**
- Applicants shall demonstrate active interest in conservation.
- Applications not fulfilling minimum criteria will not be considered.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- To be eligible, applicants must have a permanent address within the boundaries of TJSWCD, which includes the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson, and the City of Charlottesville.

**AMOUNT AWARDED**

Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) may be awarded entirely to one applicant or may be divided based upon the merit of the applicants. Of the \$3500.00, \$500.00 will be awarded in Eddie Wood's memory as the Eddie Wood Memorial Scholarship to a student who especially exemplifies the conservationist ideals of Mr. Wood.

Scholarship Award winners will be announced in May.

A check will be issued to the selected school in the student's name.

**DEADLINE**

**Monday, March 2, 2020 applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. at the TJSWCD office (address below).**

**PLEASE NOTE: due to our application review and scoring timeline - this deadline does not include "postmark" date because the USPS does not guarantee a timely delivery.**

**Only one application form needs to be completed to apply for all available scholarships. Please mail or deliver the scholarship application including official high school transcript, 3 letters of recommendation and essays as one packet.**

Submitted applications will be reviewed and scored by the TJSWCD Education Committee. All applications and information contained therein shall remain confidential. Recommendations from the Education Committee will be submitted to the TJSWCD Board of Directors for final approval.

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