



**The Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District (TJSWCD)**  
**College Scholarship Awards Program**  
**2021 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 must be included with your application. **Students, must request that your school counselor email your school transcript directly to me, [lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org](mailto:lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org) , by the deadline, Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>.**
- Applicants shall demonstrate active interest in conservation.
- Applications not fulfilling minimum criteria will not be considered.
- **Incomplete and/or illegible applications will not be considered.**
- To be eligible, applicants must have a permanent address within the boundaries of TJSWCD, which include 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 April/May.
- A check will be issued directly to the selected institution of higher education on behalf of the student.

**DEADLINE**

**Monday March 29, 2021 applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. via email to [lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org](mailto:lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *During this time of the COVID pandemic, our offices are currently closed to the public. In accordance to public health guidance, staff is working remotely during this time therefor we will be accepting scholarship applications by email only. The deadline to receive the completed application and school transcript is Monday, March 29, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. The email time stamp will be referenced to confirm receipt by the deadline.*

**Only one application form needs to be completed to apply for all available scholarships. Please email the scholarship application including email attachments of 3 letters of recommendation and essay as one email "packet". Please remember to request that your school counselor email your transcript directly to me, [lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org](mailto:lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org) , by the deadline, Monday March 29<sup>th</sup> to be included with your application "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.