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The Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (TJSWCD) is pleased to announce the availability of our 2024 Scholarship Awards. The TJSWCD will give three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500.00) in scholarship money to students residing in Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson Counties, and the City of Charlottesville – the District we proudly serve. The scholarship money may be awarded entirely to one applicant or may be divided based upon the merit of the applicants.

The TJSWCD scholarship is available to full-time students who demonstrate an active interest in conservation and are enrolled in, or have applied to, a college freshman level curriculum. The scholarship must be applied toward courses for which the student will receive college credit, and payment of funds will be made directly to the student’s academic institution.

**In addition**, one applicant will be nominated by TJSWCD to the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) to be considered for one of four (4) \$2,000.00 scholarships awarded to statewide winners. Submitted applications will be reviewed and screened by the Education and Water Resources Committee. All applications and information contained therein shall remain confidential. Nominations from the Committee will be submitted to the VASWCD Educational Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors for final approval. The mission of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District’s Educational Foundation, Inc. is to provide educational opportunities to citizens of Virginia to become good stewards of the environment and natural resources for the benefit of all. Virginia’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Virginia Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, memorial gifts and other contributions have provided initial funding for the Foundation.

The TJSWCD will use the attached VASWCD application. Only one application form needs to be completed to apply for all available scholarships. **PLEASE NOTE:** Our offices are open by appointment only. Because of this, we will be accepting scholarship applications by **email only**.

We are requesting students applying for the college scholarships to contact their school counselor and request the school transcript be emailed directly to [education@tjswcd.org](mailto:education@tjswcd.org) by the deadline **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.** in order to complete the application “packet”. Students are to complete the scholarship application including email attachments of 3 letters of recommendation and essay as one email. The email time stamp will be referenced to confirm receipt by the deadline. **Please reference the 2024 Scholarship Guidelines document.**

The TJSWCD college scholarship program is created to promote the education of Virginia students in technical fields with a natural resource conservation and environmental protection focus, and to give financial support to students majoring in, or showing a strong desire to major in, a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. It is possible for a candidate to receive both the TJSWCD scholarship as well as a VASWCD scholarship.

The TJSWCD college scholarship guidelines, and the application forms are attached. Please make available to students to receive these documents electronically, as necessary, such that all interested students at your school can apply. The application and information will also be made available online at <https://www.tjswcd.org/education-outreach/>.

**Completed application, attachments and school transcript must be received no later than Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. via email to [education@tjswcd.org](mailto:education@tjswcd.org)**

**\*Late applications cannot be accepted\***

**\*\*\*Students should write "Scholarship Application" as well as their name in the email subject line\*\*\***

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via e-mail at [education@tjswcd.org](mailto:education@tjswcd.org).

Thank you for sharing this opportunity with interested students.

All the best,



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*"To exercise leadership in promoting natural resource protection."*