



**The Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District (TJSWCD)**  
**College Scholarship Awards Program**  
**2024 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 us at [education@tjswcd.org](mailto:education@tjswcd.org), by the deadline, Friday, March 15th, 2024.**
- 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.

- 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**

**Complete applications 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 or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** *Our offices are open by appointment only. Because of this, we will be accepting scholarship applications by email only. The deadline to receive the completed application and school transcript is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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.**

**To apply, 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 us at [education@tjswcd.org](mailto:education@tjswcd.org) by the deadline, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to be included with your application "packet".**

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

*All programs and services of the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or disability. All submitted paperwork is confidential and becomes the property of the TJSWCD.*