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# NEWSFLASH



November 18, 2021

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Good afternoon 4-H Families,

As we enter into the holiday season, I want to express my thankfulness. Thank you to those of you that have reached out (especially recently) with words of kindness and checking in. My husband is healing now and most importantly, cancer free! It was a rough road of recovery that resulted in a second hospital stay, but he seems to be on the right track now. Your meals, cards and phone calls were greatly appreciated during this challenging and frightening time for our family.

I hope you all are doing well and are able to take the time over the holidays to reflect on what you are most thankful for in your lives.

Thank you,  
Becky Gocken

**Horse Bowl Practice Information-** <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/animal-sciences/horses>

Barb Frampton- leader

Pecatonica Library

[framptondvm@aol.com](mailto:framptondvm@aol.com)

(815)964-8552

Meets: Thursdays

Time: 6:30 – 8PM

4-H members do NOT have to own a horse to be a part of Horse Bowl. Parents are welcomed to stay. Face mask are required regardless of vaccination status.



# Winnebago County 4-H Apparel



**ORDERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 18**

**Please don't miss this deadline!!!**

**Log on to [t-topshop.com](https://t-topshop.com) today to order your apparel!**

Please call Jill Clinite with questions...815-262-0818

Good afternoon Winnebago County 4-H Families,

Just a friendly reminder our order deadline is Thursday, November 18, 2021 for our apparel shop just in time for the holidays! All apparel can be ordered and paid directly through the T-Top Shop website: <https://t-topshop.com/product-category/winnebago-county-4-h-2021-orders-due-by-november-18/>. T-shirts start at \$11 and range up to \$34 for specialty hoodies. Names can be added for an additional fee.

Orders will be available to pick up from the Extension Office December 13-17 between 8-4 pm.

Enjoy!

Becky Gocken

*Program Coordinator*

*4-H and Youth Development*

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4-H Online is NOW OPEN for enrollment!  
(Click the above image for a direct link)

Re-enrollment Deadline was Nov. 1– Members and volunteers may not attend 4-H activities until enrollments are approved.

New member enrollment deadline is Feb. 1 (also project add/drop deadline)

Members will not be approved until leader's have verified they received payment and/or paid by credit card online this year.

Project Manuals will be purchased by individual families through a pop-up shop in 4-H Mall. I recommend ordering together to save shipping expenses. An email was sent with directions for obtaining manuals on 11.5.2021. Here is a link to the state 4-H page project resources: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



### We Want Your Help!

We are looking for individuals to help with the following:

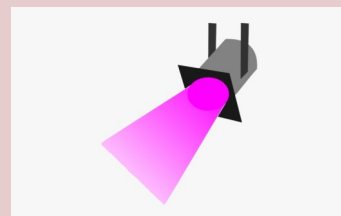
- 4-H Dog Superintendent
- Holiday Light Display Committee
- Leadership & Awards Committee

Please email Becky at [rgocken@illinois.edu](mailto:rgocken@illinois.edu)

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS 4-H HORSE & PONY SHOW

It's time to get ready for the 2022 Northern Illinois 4-H Horse & Pony Show. The committee has a meeting scheduled to start planning for the 2022 Show on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 1:00 at the Bertolet Memorial Library, Leaf River. This is not an open show, but only for 4-H'ers enrolled in the horse project. Wisconsin and any other state is welcome. If you need directions or other information, please contact Linda Schreiber at (815) 757-9846. Anyone interested in being on the committee, including 4-H'ers, is welcome to attend the meeting. If you know of someone who would like to be on the committee, please let them know.

## Club Spotlight Update



The Clover Crusaders 4-H Club kicked off National 4-H Week with a display at the Talcott Free Public Library in Rockton, IL. The display includes projects done by 4-Hers and information about 4-H. When work on the display was completed pizza and visiting were enjoyed! For more information about 4-H please contact Becky Gocken at the University of Illinois Extension office at 815-986-4357 or visit the website: [extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://extension.illinois.edu/jsw).



Submitted by Julia Vermett



WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
4-H & EXTENSION FOUNDATION, INC.

1925 South Meridian Road ■ Rockford, Illinois 61102

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4-H Volunteer

Winnebago County 4-H &  
Extension Foundation, Inc. is a  
charitable 501(c)(3) organization,  
and donations are tax deductible

Spring has sprung, and Mother's Day is just around the corner. Are you looking for that special gift? Do not know what to get? We have the perfect thing! Easy to get, easy to use.

Winnebago County 4-H & Extension Foundation is having a spring fundraiser. We have partnered with Didier Greenhouses (4601 West State Street, Rockford) to bring you \$20 gift cards. They are perfect for that Mother's Day gift, flowers or veggies for the summer garden.

Winnebago County 4-H & Extension Foundation helps support the University of Illinois Extension in its efforts and programs—such as 4-H—through acquiring and managing funds and assets. Your continued support and donation to our 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation help us support local youth and local programs.

Purchasing your gift card is as easy as filling out the order form below, and send with your cash or check to:

Winnebago County 4-H & Extension Foundation  
1925 S. Meridian Road  
Rockford, IL 61102

We will mail you your gift card for you to enjoy! Remember to visit us on Facebook, or you can email us at [winnebagofoundation2011@gmail.com](mailto:winnebagofoundation2011@gmail.com) Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Winnebago County 4-H & Extension Foundation

—————Please cut along dotted line—————

\_\_\_\_\_ # of gift cards      x      \$20      =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

MAIL CARDS TO:      Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



### INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION SHOOTING

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members will take place on February 19, 2022 from 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) for flyer and/or register at: [go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining](https://go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining)

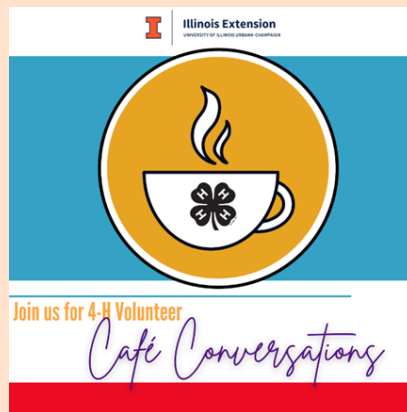
### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL  
(southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

July 2022 TBD in Northern Illinois



### 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

**Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM**



## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



### ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are ***True Leaders in Service***, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. ***The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!***

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4<sup>th</sup> “H” and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>



### CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS – COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



### Travel abroad with 4-H

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](#)

Program information can be found [here](#).

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#).

For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

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## CALENDAR OF WINNEBAGO 4-H EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### NOVEMBER

- 18** **DEADLINE for Winnebago County Apparel Orders**
- 21** 3pm Winnebago County 4-H Recognition Event, The Twisted Tulip, 7901 Burden Way, Machesney Park– REGISTRATION IS CLOSED
- 23** Becky community outreach programming
- 25-26** Extension Office Closed

### DECEMBER

- 7** Extension Office Closed– Unit 1 Staff Meeting
- 8** Becky community outreach programming
- 13-17** Pick Up Apparel Orders from Extension Office
- 23** Becky community outreach programming
- 24 - JAN 3** Extension Office Closed

### JANUARY

- 4** Extension office reopens for 2022



Hello Rockford Community, as we're in the season of giving back we ask that you join us on Nov 21st for our 4th Annual Fred VanVleet Turkey Drive! This year it will be held at our store downtown.

We're providing 500 turkeys & sides to families of the Rockford Community on a first come first serve basis.

From our table to yours the VanVleet family wishes you a blessed and safe holiday.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021  
LOCKWOOD PARK – COOKHOUSE  
9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

### Horticulture for the Holidays Workshop

Gather your friends for a morning of holiday fun and decorating as University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners in Winnebago County host their annual 'Horticulture for the Holidays' workshop on Saturday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lockwood Park in the Cookhouse (5201 Safford Rd., Rockford). Participants will complete two make-and-take projects that demonstrate how to incorporate natural elements, such as pinecones, evergreens and vines (which are often found in your backyard), into seasonal celebrations and gifts for giving.

This year you will create a Mason Jar Oil Candle and a Centerpiece Wreath—each of these projects will make beautiful stand-alone items to give or keep, but they also pair well together for a gorgeous holiday display for your dining table. The Mason Jar Oil Candle is a combination of beautiful pinecones, evergreen sprigs, cinnamon sticks and essential oils—perfect for illuminating your home during the dark and cold winter months. With the Centerpiece Wreath, Winnebago County Master Gardeners are going to show you how to dispel the myth that wreaths should only be hung on doors! You'll create a stunning centerpiece by using a grapevine wreath and adding fresh evergreens along with festive accessories like ribbon, pinecones, and berries.

The program fee of \$25 includes all workshop materials. Pre-registration and payment are required to secure your spot. Please register by Friday, Dec. 3 to ensure we have enough materials. For more information or to register, visit [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call the Winnebago County Extension Office at 815-986-4357.



Join University of Illinois Extension as they present, Getting the Scoop on Winter Squash! During this workshop, we will discuss types of winter squash, how to select and store winter squash, and offer great ideas on how to prepare and use these culinary favorites, and best of all, you'll receive some delicious recipes. [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw)



If you are landowner who has been approached by a renewable energy developer, interested in installing your own renewable project, or just interested in learning more about renewable energy, plan to join us for this workshop. [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



Join the University of Illinois Extension and Jo Daviess Soil and Water Health Coalition for The Economics of Soil Health. This event, will discuss the costs and benefits of regenerative agriculture in terms of dollars annually, but also and more importantly, in terms of the intangible and long term benefits (organic matter, infiltration, reduced erosion, etc.) and how they support profits over time. [go.illinois.edu/jsw](https://go.illinois.edu/jsw)

### MISSING A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP?

*Poor sleep increases your risk of developing diabetes*



Illinois Extension



Researchers have long known irregular sleep schedules are correlated with higher blood sugar levels, even in people without diabetes. Getting too little sleep for prolonged periods impacts our health both in the short and long term.

Sleep deprivation causes the hunger hormone ghrelin to increase, making us feel hungry. And as our body tries to compensate for feelings of low energy, we often turn to food to reenergize ourselves. However, anytime we are consuming more "energy" or food, than needed, our bodies will store those extra calories as fat, putting us at risk for obesity, which is a risk factor for diabetes. So the next time you miss a good night's sleep, instead of reaching for calorie-rich foods to keep you going, take 5 or 10 minutes to close your eyes and rest.

Learn more from National Sleep Foundation at <https://bit.ly/3e32DwH>

Learn how you can improve your sleep from Illinois Extension at <https://bit.ly/3whlKMq>

EXTENSION POSITION OPENING

**Illinois Extension**  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COOPERATIVE

**Office Support Assistant**

The University of Illinois Extension-Jo Daviess County is seeking applications for an Office Support Assistant to join our local staff in the Elizabeth office. Applicants must submit a completed online application and exam request at <https://go.illinois.edu/osajsw> by 12/01/2021. Questions about this process can be answered locally. For more information about the position, U of I Extension and a copy of the job description, call Deb Koch at 815-235-4125.

The U of I is an EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled. The University of Illinois System uses E-Verify to verify employment eligibility. University of Illinois faculty, staff and students are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If you are not able to receive the vaccine for medical or religious reasons, you may seek approval for an exemption in accordance with applicable University policies.

For full description and application, visit [go.illinois.edu/osajsw](https://go.illinois.edu/osajsw)

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:

### Certified Food Protection Manager Course

The University of Illinois Extension will offer the Certified Food Protection Manager Course, formally known as the Food Service Sanitation Manager Course (FSSMC). This two-part class is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited course, which meets the Illinois Department of Public Health's Food Service Sanitation Code requirements.

During this two-day class, participants will gain knowledge about principles and recommendations of the FDA Food Code focused on food safety and contamination, employee health and hygiene, safe food handling practices, cleaning and sanitizing, and HACCP.

Participants should bring a **valid photo ID** and arrive 15 minutes early to register, as class will begin promptly at the designated time stated.

**Participants must attend the full two-day training to be eligible to take the exam.**

There is a \$100.00 program fee to cover this educational session. This fee is for the purchase of the book, educational materials, examination, and lunch. Space is limited, and therefore, preregistration is required.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact our office at (815) 235-4125 at least 30 days before the program.

The class will be offered in September, October and November at various locations so you can choose the location that works best for you. To register, please choose the date below that you would like to attend.

Tuesday, **November 30** & Friday **December 3, 2021** in **Freeport, IL**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY:



The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau is offering up to \$200 per project in project grants for 4-H and FFA Youth to help support projects underway by local FFA chapters and 4-H clubs. The recipients will be able to use the grant to purchase necessary materials and supplies.

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter in Boone or Winnebago Counties
- Must submit a typed application to describe the project
- Applicant's FFA Advisor/ 4-H leader must sign the application
- Applicant's parent/guardian must sign the application

The recipients will be chosen based on the above requirements, along with a 5 to 10-minute oral presentation on the proposed project at an upcoming Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau board meeting. Grant funds will be awarded after the recipient submits a summary of the program or project, photos, and detailed receipts. Grant info available on [website](#).

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Cain

Manager

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau

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Rockford, IL 61102

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## EVERYTHING MUST GO FROM MINKS TO SINKS RUMMAGE CLOSING OUT SALE

Friday, November 19 . 9 am to 5 pm  
Saturday, November 20 . 10 am to 2 pm  
at Midway Village Museum

We are selling all our rummage sale items. All items to be sold by the bag full. Bring your own bags. Larger items such as furniture will be tagged with a price. There's hundreds of rummage items to be sold!

### Pricing Per Bag

15" x 16" - Large \$25

10" x 8" - Medium \$15

8" x 8" - Small \$10

Questions? Call 815-397-9112.



Midway Village Museum  
*Rockford's*  
HISTORY MUSEUM

All proceeds will benefit the Collection Department  
at Midway Village Museum. We are not collecting additional items for this sale.

6799 Guilford Road . Rockford, IL 61107

[www.midwayvillage.com](http://www.midwayvillage.com)



### Museum Gift Store



## HOLIDAY CLEARANCE SALE



**Sale Starts**  
**Friday, Nov. 19, 2021**  
**10am to 4pm**

# Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE



## THE PROGRAM

The Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship seeks to provide financial support to students enrolled fulltime at an accredited two- or four-year college, community college, or university, which will lead to a career in a natural resource field.

## PROGRAM HISTORY

Funding for this scholarship was made available from the Leopold Education Project, an educational program based on the works of noted conservationist and author Aldo Leopold. Leopold's philosophy and land ethic created a foundation for modern conservation.

For Students  
Pursuing  
Education in the  
Field of Natural  
Resources



## AWARDS

Scholarship will be awarded in amounts up to \$1,000. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses. Scholarship money may not be used for room and board.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a resident in one of the following Illinois Counties,  
Boone DeKalb Kane McHenry Winnebago  
Cook DuPage Lake Will
- Be a high school senior or high school graduate (diplomas or GED)
- Be enrolled or will be enrolled no later than the fall session following application in a fulltime course of study such as fish and wildlife biology, conservation education, biology, ecology, forestry, hydrology, soils, pollution control, etc.
- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a (4.0 scale)

## HOW TO APPLY

For more information call the scholarship administrator at 815-965-2392 Ext 3. All materials must be received by the scholarship administrator by **February 15<sup>th</sup>** of each year. Mail to: Winnebago County SWCD, 4833 Owen Center Rd. Rockford IL 61101-6007 or email [NEILStewardship@gmail.com](mailto:NEILStewardship@gmail.com).





## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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Interested students **must complete the attached application** and submit it to the Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship program administrator. In addition to the completed application, you must send the following:

- Transcripts on official letterhead from the high school or college
- Three letters of recommendation from a counselor, instructor, employer, or other individual qualified to assess the applicant's scholarship merit, community service and commitment to natural resources
- An essay, maximum of 2 pages typed and double spaced, outlining career goals and aspirations including:
  1. Why you are interested in pursuing a career in the natural resources field
  2. What you hope to accomplish when you complete your education
  3. A description of the conservation issue that you feel is the most critical concern facing our local soil and or water resources. Why do you feel that this is a serious problem? What management practices would you recommend to address this issue?



## SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

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Scholarship recipients are selected based on a demonstrated commitment to natural resources conservation through activities, community service and related work experience. Points will be awarded as follows:

- Academics- 10 points
- Essay- 25 points
- Extracurricular activities and Community Service- 10 points
- References- 5 points

Selection of recipients is made by a panel of judges comprised of at least three individuals associated with Land Use Council 16. The decision of the judges is final. All applicants will receive notification as to whether they have been awarded the scholarship or not. This announcement will come in April.



## PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

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The Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship program awards will be paid in one payment in late June. Checks will be made payable to the post-secondary institution that the applicant indicated on their application form and mailed directly to that institution.

Scholarships are not automatically renewable, but past recipients may re-apply. Any applicant selected in one year may re-apply in any later year for which he or she is eligible.



## ABOUT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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The Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) of Land Use Council (LUC) 16 sponsor the Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship. Every county in Illinois is served by a local SWCD. These local units of government provide leadership and direction in an effort to conserve and protect natural resources. LUC 16 is comprised of seven SWCD's in the Northeastern part of the state.

## SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Application Instructions:** Land Use Council 16 will consider all information contained in or connected with this application personal and confidential and will only be used in conjunction with the soil and water stewardship scholarship. All candidates must complete an application in order to be considered. **Fill out and attach this form to an email or mail along with essay and three letters of recommendation and transcripts (high school and/or college).**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name	First	M.I.	Date
Street Address		Apartment/Unit	
City	County	State	
Zip	Phone		
E-mail Address			

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School		Phone
Street Address		City
State	County	Zip Code

### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Full name of college or university you plan to attend. If undetermined, please list in order of preference, the schools to which you have applied.

Name	City	State
Name	City	State

### ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

List significant natural resource activities in which you have participated (school, community, volunteer, etc.). Include awards, honors, and offices held. **Use additional sheets as necessary.**

Activity/ Organization	How Long	Awards/Honors/Achievement	Offices/Positions Held

### CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided was prepared by myself and is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application, and its attachments, becomes the property of the Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship Program. I understand that certain information about me may be used in the reporting and promotion of this program. Such information may include my name, city, high school, information submitted under the heading "activities, awards and honors" and a summary of interests as indicated in my profile. Furthermore, I am assured that my phone number, street address, transcripts, grade point average, current employment, and letters of recommendation will *not* be used in the promotion of this program. I understand that I will not be paid for promotional use and that no further claim of any nature can be made.

Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature (if Under 18)	Date



## WINNEBAGO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

The Winnebago Soil and Water Conservation District established this scholarship to help outstanding students of soil, water and related natural resources conservation to complete their education at any accredited two or four-year college or university. The amount of the scholarship will be up to \$1,000. The scholarship will be awarded prior to the fall semester of each academic year. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, books, supplies and/or other course fees. Funds will be paid directly to the institution upon written instructions from the student (one-half for each fall and spring semester). The Winnebago County SWCD reserves the right to grant the full amount of the scholarship in one payment upon request.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The student must be:

- A resident of Winnebago County
- An upcoming High School Graduate -or- attending an accredited College or University
- Majoring in Soil and/or Water Conservation; or a related Natural Resource field
- A full-time student who is carrying at least 12 credit hours

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- The applicant should be maintaining a Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a point scale of 4.0)
- The applicant should demonstrate superior soil and water conservation or related natural resource academic achievement.
- The successful applicant will be chosen from a balance of several important factors, including demonstrated academic achievements, community service related to conservation activities, statement of educational and career goals, and reference recommendations.
- The student must submit a copy of their latest transcript - High School and College (if applicable)
- If the student drops out of school, or changes to a major outside of the Soil and/or Water Conservation or Natural Resources fields, the full amount of the scholarship must be refunded to the Winnebago County SWCD.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

A committee selected by the Winnebago County SWCD Board will screen all applications. The committee's decision will be based solely upon the student's achievement without regard to the student's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

To apply, fill out the application form and send it along with a copy of your most recent transcripts, and all other support information to:

Scholarship Committee  
Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District  
4833 Owen Center Road  
Rockford, IL 61101  
Or  
E-mail to – [danthonyswcd@comcast.net](mailto:danthonyswcd@comcast.net)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 p.m., February 15, 2022**



**APPLICATION FORM - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_  
(A copy of your transcript must be sent to the SWCD.)

College or University Information

College or University Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted for admission?    Yes        No

Major Course of study \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Point Average - A=4.0 (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
(A copy of your most recent transcript must be sent to the SWCD.)

Date on which you expect to graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Work Experience

<u>Place of Employment</u>	<u>Position/Type of Work</u>	<u>Dates Employed</u>	<u>Supervisor/Contact</u>
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References:

**Name three individuals who are well acquainted with your abilities, education, and career goals.** Please list their name, mailing address and telephone number. One of these should be your present academic advisor. **At least one letter of recommendation** from your references should be included:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Use this sheet, or you can choose to write/type on a separate pages if you wish).  
**Explain why you have chosen this major.**

**Please tell us more about yourself, focusing on your reasons for choosing a career in a conservation/natural resources related field. Please state your career objective.**

**Describe why you feel you are a good candidate for this scholarship.**

**List all extra-curricular or community activities, awards and honors, including any offices held.**

<b>Activity/Organization</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Awards, Achievements &amp; Honors</b>	<b>Offices/Positions Held</b>

I certify that the above information that I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying any of the information will result in my disqualification from the consideration of this scholarship. All information received is considered confidential. All application documents become the property of the Winnebago County SWCD and cannot be returned. The District may use such items as the scholarship winner's name, city, past community involvement and natural resource aspirations in the promotion of the Scholarship Program.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE FOR APPLICANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

Parent or Legal Guardian's SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your application!*

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