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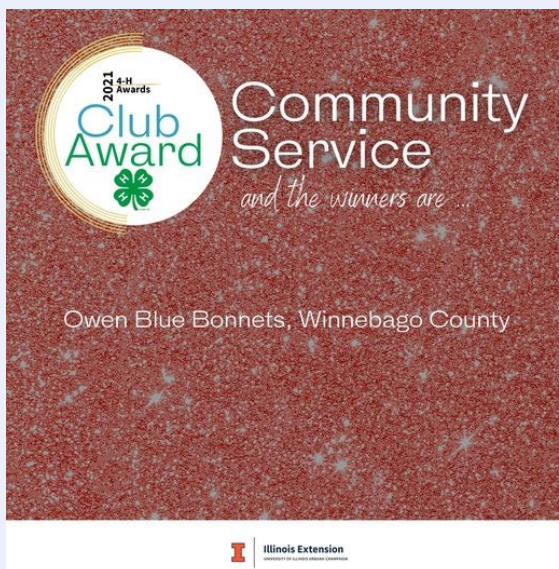
Good afternoon 4-H Families,

It's hard to believe we have already flipped the calendar to December. We sure have had some great 4-H experiences this past year! I am thankful we were able to transition back to in-person summer shows and the ability to meet all of you!

Last week we had a wonderful 4-H Recognition Event at a beautiful new venue, The Twisted Tulip. The owner is a 4th generation 4-H alumni and was our guest speaker! It was a lovely event with lots of smiling faces!

If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H Online, please do so ASAP – I have left the page with those directions in here if you need them. Families are purchasing their own manuals this year via the pop up shop I sent in an email. That link again is <https://emails.illinois.edu/files/897972133/2021projectmanualelection.pdf> . The pop up link is in the beginning of the document.

Have a wonderful weekend! Enjoy the nice weather while we have it!
~Becky Gocken



WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



2021 Winnebago County 4-H Recognition Event

On November 21, we held our Winnebago County 4-H Recognition Event at The Twisted Tulip in Machesney Park. Owner and 4th generation 4-Her, Deb Muzzillo, was our guest speaker. Many volunteers and 4-H members were recognized for their service and dedication over the past year and years.

Awards included our Outstanding Secretary, which went to Clair Hopkins of Owen Blue Bonnets and we had 5 Outstanding Treasurers which included Abbigail Combs (OBB), Aleda Lee (NEB), Natalie Weaver (WWW), Ryan Sherman (MM), and Ariana Roganowicz (CKK).

Our Outstanding Jr. 4-H Member award went to Abbigail Combs of Owen Blue Bonnets and Outstanding Sr. 4-H Member went to Helena Bageanis of Owen Blue Bonnets as well. Owen Blue Bonnets also received 4-H Club of the Year.

Additionally, participants decorated paper lunch sacks for Miss Carly's as a Community Service Activity during our event— check out her Facebook for photos,

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

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

Barb Frampton- leader

Pecatonica Library

framptondvm@aol.com

(815)964-8552

Meets: Thursdays

Time: 6:30 – 8PM

State 4-H Hippology, Horse
Bowl & Speech Contests April
23 & 24 on UIUC Campus!
More info. to come in
January!



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.

POULTRY CLINIC

Saturday, January 22, 2022, 10-11 a.m.

Location: Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL 61032

DEADLINE to register is January 14, 2022

The Poultry Clinic is open to any 4-H youth.

The clinic is free! Please do **NOT** bring any animals!

The day will focus on the basics of starting your poultry project!

The following will be covered:

- Preparing for chicks
- Feeding
- Getting started with pigeons
- Lots of general information

For more information contact Rita Koch at 815-449-2910

Register at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24699>



Looking for Club Officer Resources? *Watch for a training coming in 2022*

- **See the Illinois 4-H website:** <https://extension.illinois.edu/globagl/club-resources>
- **4-H Officers Handbook** is available through the Extension office – please ask!

Online Video Trainings that may be helpful:

- **4-H Volunteer Trainings:** <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteers/training>
- **Parliamentary Procedure:** <https://go.illinois.edu/parliamentary>



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>



4-H WEBSITES CHEAT SHEET



4HONLINE

- Website: il.4honline.com
- Used to enroll in 4-H, choose projects and club

Username: _____

PW: _____

- Website: <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/15252>
- Used to select classes members will be exhibiting in at the county 4-H shows
- Uses 4HOnline Username and Password

FAIRENTRY

YQCA

- Website: <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>
- Uses 4HOnline Username and Password
- Required YEARLY for all members exhibiting beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine at any 4-H livestock show

- Website: web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/
- Make sure to keep token in case you pause and come back
- Required ONCE for anyone showing cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits

QAEC

IL 4-H WEBSITE

- Website: 4h.extension.illinois.edu
- Find all the 4-H resources in one place:
 - Projects, Spark Sheets, State Award Applications, Events, Programs, Volunteer Resources, Member Resources, and more!

- Website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsr/4-h-winnabago-county>
- Find detailed information, paperwork, and programming for our specific county and unit

UNIT 4-H WEBSITE



WINNEBAGO COUNTY
4-H & EXTENSION FOUNDATION, INC.

1925 South Meridian Road ■ Rockford, Illinois 61102

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Extension Foundation, Inc. is a
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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 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 for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

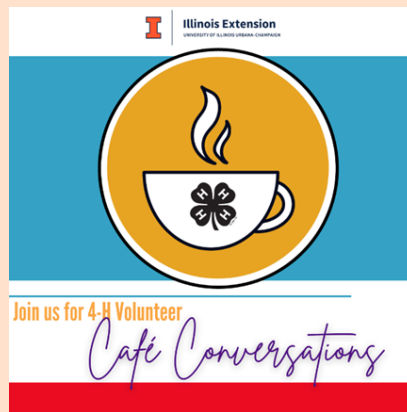
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

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 4th “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.

CALENDAR OF WINNEBAGO 4-H EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

7	Extension Office Closed– Unit 1 Staff Meeting
8	Becky community outreach programming
9	YLT Meeting, 5pm
14	Horse Superintendent Meeting, 5:30 pm
13-17	Pick Up Apparel Orders from Extension Office
22	Becky community outreach programming
23 - JAN 4	Extension Office Closed

JANUARY

5	Extension office reopens for 2022
14	Registration Deadline for Poultry Clinic
17	Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
22	4-H Poultry Clinic, Freeport

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.

We Want Your Help!

We are looking for individuals to help with the following:

- **Holiday Light Display Committee**
- **Leadership & Awards Committee**

Please email Becky at rgocken@illinois.edu

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 or call the Winnebago County Extension Office at 815-986-4357.



Northwest Illinois Agronomy Summit

The University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce the fourth annual **Northwest Illinois Agronomy Summit** that will be held at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the program running from 9 a.m. to Noon. The theme for this year's conference is *Updates in Crop Management* with University of Illinois and University of Wisconsin-Madison specialists discussing strategies for weed, pest, disease, and nutrient management.



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

Certified Livestock Manager Training: Freeport

February 17 | 9 AM

In 2022, [University of Illinois Extension](#) is hosting 10 Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshops throughout the state. The workshops will begin on January 18 in Effingham and conclude on February 23 at Illinois Pork Expo. Online CLM training is open all year round.

Who needs certification

According to the Livestock Facilities Management Act, in Illinois, livestock facilities that house 300 or more animal units (for example, 750 finishing hogs, 214 dairy cows, or 300 beef cattle) are required to have at least one person certified in the environmental protection aspects manure management. Facilities designed for 301 to 999 animal units must have at least one employee attend a workshop or complete the training online. Facilities with 1,000 or more animal units must have a certified livestock manager attend a workshop and pass the Illinois Department of Agriculture's exam or complete the online training and pass the online test.

Workshop Registration

Registrations will open one month before the workshop. Online registration at go.illinois.edu/CLMT is required, and at some locations, space is limited. The workshop fee is \$40 (each additional participant \$30), and IDoA's certification fee is \$30. We kindly ask all participants to wear a mask to comply with COVID-19 safety precautions. In case we need to cancel a workshop due to COVID restrictions or other unforeseen circumstances, we will inform you via email and refund your registration fee. Please check your email or our website for updates.

Online Training

Access online training at go.illinois.edu/CLMT. This new version of online training follows the same format as in-person workshops. There are nine modules (10-20 min videos), and you can work through these modules at your own pace. If you have more than 1,000 animal units, you can take the test online at the end of the training. You are allowed multiple attempts on the test. Each time you take the test, 50 questions will be randomly selected from our question bank. The online training fee is \$40 and IDoA's certification fee is \$30. Once you create an account, you will have access to the training videos and also enrichment videos for three months.

If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in CLMT, please contact [Nesli Akdeniz](#) at neslihan@illinois.edu.

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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Soil and Water Stewardship Scholarship

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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 15th** of each year. Mail to: Winnebago County SWCD, 4833 Owen Center Rd. Rockford IL 61101-6007 or email NEILStewardship@gmail.com.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

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

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

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

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.

Activity/Organization	Years	Awards, Achievements & Honors	Offices/Positions Held

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!

The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer. All programs and services are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.