



JIM RUTHERFORD CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP 2020

SPONSOR:

McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District
402 N. Kays Drive Normal, IL 61761
(309)452-3848 ext. 3

PURPOSE:

The Jim Rutherford Scholarship has been established by the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District to assist outstanding agricultural students at any Illinois College. The student awarded the scholarship should demonstrate superior agricultural academic achievement, commitment to soil and water conservation and potential for innovation and/or leadership ability. The Jim Rutherford Scholarship is awarded for the fall semester of the academic year. The 2020 scholarship award will be \$500.

HISTORY:

The McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District was organized in March 1942. On May 8, 1942, an election for five directors was held. Frank Hubert of Saybrook was elected chairman; Charles Richardson of Ellsworth, vice-chairman; Byron Kline of LeRoy, secretary; E.D. Hess of Arrowsmith and Harry Miller of Saybrook, directors.

Currently, the District's governing body consists of five directors, who must be owners or occupiers of land within the district boundaries. Each director is elected for a two-year term at the district's annual meeting, which is held in February or March.

Our current Board Members are:

Mike Kelley, Chairman
Sally Breese, Vice-Chairman
Mikel Fonger, Secretary-Treasurer
Irvin Bane, Director
Howard Heatherwick, Director

ELIGIBILITY:

Any student who is currently a high school senior and will be enrolled in an Agricultural program for the 2020-2021 academic year at any college (junior college or four year university) in Illinois is eligible.

CRITERIA

1. Demonstrates academic ability and achievement
2. Commitment to soil and water conservation
3. Potential for innovation and leadership ability
4. McLean County Resident

SELECTION PROCESS:

Please submit applications to McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District 402 N. Kays Drive Normal, IL 61761. Applications will be accepted from students until March 27, 2020. Applications must be complete and accompanied by the Application Form, Transcript, and Letters of Recommendation. The McLean County Soil & Water Board shall review all applications and select the student to be awarded the Jim Rutherford Scholarship. Winner will be notified early May .



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APPLICATION FORM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible a student must:

1. Be a high school senior soon to be enrolled at any Illinois College in agriculture.
2. Be a resident of McLean County.
3. Have a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale OR a 4.0 on a 5.0 scale.
4. Submit a copy of their latest transcript.

Please fill in the following information:

FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER : _____

DEGREE OF INTEREST: _____

HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU WILL GRADUATE: _____

CURRENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____ SCALE USED: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP (if different from applicant): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____





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APPLICATION FORM CONTINUED

YOU MAY USE A SEPARATE SHEET TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

List all High School extracurricular or community activities, including offices held:

Briefly state your educational plans and career objectives for the next 5 years:

Briefly describe your interest and experience in soil and water conservation activities:

What do you feel is the biggest conservation need in McLean County and why?

Why do you deserve this scholarship and how will you use the scholarship if chosen?

Character References: Please provide three (3) Letters of Recommendation from those who are well acquainted with your education and abilities.
