



## Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District

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Web Page: [www.tjswcd.org](http://www.tjswcd.org)

To: Undergraduate & Graduate Level College Students  
From: Nicola McGoff, Outreach & Education Coordinator  
Re: **2012 TJSWCD Scholarship Awards**  
Date: January 19, 2012

The Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (TJSWCD) is excited to announce the availability of its 2012 Scholarship Awards, including the Annual Eddie Wood Memorial Scholarship. The TJSWCD will give two-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$2500) in scholarship money to students with permanent addresses in Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson Counties, and the City of Charlottesville. The scholarship money may be awarded entirely to one student or may be divided based upon the merit of the applicants. Of the \$2500, \$500 will be awarded in Eddie Wood's memory to a student who especially exemplifies the conservationist ideals of Eddie Wood.

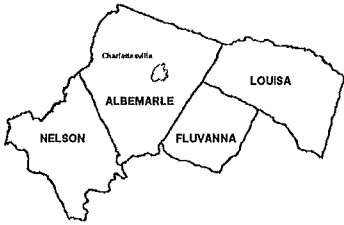
The scholarship is available to full-time students who demonstrate an active interest in conservation and are enrolled in or have applied to a college or graduate level curriculum. The scholarship must be applied toward courses for which the student will receive college credit, and the payment will be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

The scholarship was created to promote the education of Virginia citizens in technical fields with a natural resource conservation and environmental protection focus, and to give financial support to students majoring in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies.

The scholarship guidelines, deadlines, and an application form are attached. The application and information will also be made available online at [www.tjswcd.org/Scholarship.html](http://www.tjswcd.org/Scholarship.html).

**All completed applications must be received by the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District by 4:00 pm on March 2, 2012.**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [nicola.mcgoff@vaswcd.org](mailto:nicola.mcgoff@vaswcd.org) or by telephone (434-975-0224).



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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Deadline: **March 2, 2012** to Thomas Jefferson SWCD

Please print or type in black / blue ink. Provide all requested information. If necessary additional printed or typed sheets may be attached. (Indicate section number when adding additional pages)

### A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  

Last
First
Middle
2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_
4. Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
6. Social Security # or College ID # \_\_\_\_\_

### B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

*(Attach your most recent OFFICAL transcript. Must show the official school seal.)*

1. High School
  - A. Attending or Attended \_\_\_\_\_  

Name
Location
  - B. Anticipated or Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Number of Students in Your Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Scholastic Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_

2. College

A. Plan to Attend: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Location

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Location

B. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Location

C. Major or Intended Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

D. Anticipated or Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

E. Number of Students in Your Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

F. Scholastic Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Graduate School

A. Plan to Attend: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Location

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Location

B. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Location

C. Major or Intended Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

D. Anticipated Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

E. Number of Students in Your Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

F. Scholastic Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

List organizations in which you hold or have held membership, such as Boy or Girl Scouts, Church, 4-H, or FFA. Give offices, position or rank held in each. (Attach additional information as needed).

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**D. ACTIVITIES INFORMATION**

List important extra curricular activities in which you have or are participating in, such as: athletics, music, drama, dance, public speaking, clubs, societies, public events, or exhibits; and list honors or letters earned: Envirothon, Youth Conservation Camp; list year(s) attended. (Attach additional information as needed).

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or a family member belong to the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of family member: \_\_\_\_\_

**E. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE AND / OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

List employment and/or volunteer experience including name of employer, dates of employment, position held, and brief description of job duties. (Attach additional information as needed).

1. Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Brief Description of Job Duties \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Brief Description of Job Duties \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Brief Description of Job Duties \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**F. FINANCIAL INFORMATION** (Attach additional information if needed).

1. Are you applying for or will you receive a scholarship or loan from other sources?  
Yes No (please circle one)
2. If yes, give sources and amount \_\_\_\_\_

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3. In addition to the above, financing for your education will come primarily from \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Attach a copy of your Financial Aid Form (FAF-SA), or provide any other appropriate information regarding financial need.

**G. REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATION LETTERS** (Attach recommendation letters)

List at least three references other than family members who can provide additional information about your scholastic and community activities. **Please attach recommendation letters from those persons you have listed.**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**H. ESSAYS**

I. Attach a typed essay (400-500 word estimate) describing yourself and your involvement/interest in the environment. Address what you feel is the most important environmental issue in your community and why? How can you assist and promote leadership in the conservation of natural resources?

II. In approximately 100-150 words address the purpose for which this scholarship would be used and why you deserve this scholarship. Be specific.

**J. SIGNATURES**

I hereby state that the information submitted herewith is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the foregoing application in full and hereby state that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (Required if applicant is under 21 years of age).

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# ***TJSWCD Scholarship Awards Program*** **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 or graduate level curriculum. Applicants shall document a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement. **The applicant's most recent official transcript must accompany the application. A copy of a school transcript will not be accepted.** Applicants shall demonstrate active interest in conservation. Applications not fulfilling minimum criteria shall not be considered.

To be eligible, applicants must have a permanent address within the boundaries of TJSWCD, which includes the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson, and the City of Charlottesville.

## **AMOUNT AWARDED**

Two-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$2,500) may be awarded entirely to one student or may be divided based upon the merit of the applicants. Of the \$2500, \$500 will be awarded in Eddie Wood's memory as the Second Annual Eddie Wood Memorial Scholarship to a student who especially exemplifies the conservationist ideals of Mr. Wood.

A check will be issued to the selected school in the student's name. The application must show applicant's social security number or college student ID number in the appropriate space.

## **2012 DEADLINES**

January 19                    TJSWCD mails applications and guidelines to local schools

March 2                      **Applications must be returned to TJSWCD (address below) by 4:00pm**

May 7                         Scholarship Award winners will be announced

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

**Return applications (including official transcript, 3 letters of recommendation and essays) to:**

Thomas Jefferson SWCD  
706 Forest Street, Suite G, Charlottesville, VA 22903

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.*

