2027 SWCS Scholarship
Show-Me Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society

Objective: The SWCS Scholarship provides financial assistance to students wishing to pursue studies with a natural resource conservation orientation at properly accredited colleges or universities.

Amount: One $1000 scholarship will be awarded, with the possibility of a second, smaller scholarship. Scholarship recipients also receive a complimentary one-year membership in SWCS and the local chapter.

Eligibility: This scholarship is for students who attend/graduated from an approved program of study in Missouri (as stated in Missouri statute, RSMO 167.031 - includes public, private, and home school). The student need not be a SWCS member. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school, or in a full-time undergraduate academic study. They must major in a conservation or natural resource-related field such as soil science, land use planning, forestry, wildlife management, fisheries, agricultural engineering, hydrology, rural sociology, agronomy, water management, agricultural economics, biology, agricultural education, or related environmental protection or resource management curricula. Applicants must attend, or plan to attend, a college or university that is properly accredited by national or regional accrediting bodies, or their equivalence. Financial need will not be a factor in selection.

Essay Resource Information:
There are many sources of information, including websites, on the essay topic, none of which are endorsed by the Show-Me SWCS. **Please properly credit the sources that you choose.** Plagiarizing any source is illegal and will result in the essay being eliminated from competition.

Applications: Applications for 2026-2027 scholarships must be **emailed by January 15, 2027**. The scholarship application form is available on the Show-Me Chapter SWCS web site home page (www.moswcs.org) or by contacting Lauren Stamp at showmeswcs@gmail.com . From the web site, click to view the 2027 application form online, or to download an MS Word document containing the application, right-click on the link and save the document, then view it in Word.

Each application must include:

1) Scholarship application form.
2) A 1-page essay submitted in an MS Word document file as described on the application form with "SWCS Scholarship" in the email subject line. Please double space with 1-inch margins, using 12-point font size and Times New Roman font.
3) Two letters of recommendation (school advisor, teacher, employer, community leader, etc.) – may be emailed directly to Lauren Stamp at showmeswcs@gmail.com
4) List of positions of leadership and conservation activities, including dates and related organizations.
5) Most recently available high school and /or college transcript (copy).

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Essay Topic:
The essay topic will follow the theme of the 2027 Missouri Natural Resources Conference which is: Roots of Excellence- Honoring Heritage & Equipping the Future(https://mnrc.org). Through your essay, we want you to explore ways to convince others of your excitement for natural resources and the natural world.

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