



Avoyelles Soil and Water Conservation District  
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February 26, 2024

TO: Avoyelles Parish High Schools  
FROM: Avoyelles Soil and Water Conservation District  
RE: Louisiana Association of Conservation District Scholarship  
DATE: February 26, 2024

Please find attached the Louisiana Association Conservation District Scholarship.

We look forward to an abundance of applicants this year. Please forward to all graduating seniors planning to enter an institution of higher learning within the States of Louisiana as a full-time under-graduate student in the field of Agriculture, Natural Resources or Environmental Sciences.

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS MARCH 8, 2024

Please call our office for any assistance needed.

Maddy Coco  
District Secretary Avoyelles Soil and Water Conservation  
NRCS Program Assistant/LACD Finance Secretary  
318-253-935 X 3

Or email your application to: [madeline.coco@la.nacdnet.net](mailto:madeline.coco@la.nacdnet.net)

Only applicants that have submitted the following three items will be considered by the ASWCD Selection Committee:

- (1) Completed Entry Form
- (2) Completed Application Form
- (3) Essay

LACD will fund the scholarship program in the amount up to \$2,500 for a single awardee and \$2,000 if there happens to be two awardees for the 2024-2025 school year. Details on the selection process are included in the attached materials.

Thank you.

Dirk Dupuy, Chairman ASWCD

## **LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Each year the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts (LACD) awards one scholarship to a Louisiana graduating high school senior who is planning to enter an institution of higher learning within the State of Louisiana as a full-time under-graduate student in the field of **agriculture, natural resources or environmental sciences**. The amount of the cash award will be set annually and awarded on a one-time basis.

### **PURPOSE**

To provide financial support to broaden the educational opportunities for deserving students in Louisiana.

### **SELECTION OF CANDIDATE**

The District Scholarship Selection Committee is responsible for the selection of one candidate at the state level. They will submit their candidate to the Chairman of the State Scholarship Selection Committee. A support letter from the nominating District **must accompany** the nominee's application. The State Scholarship Selection Committee is responsible for the selection of the LACD scholarship winner.

It is suggested that each district establish its own guidelines for selecting their candidate. Consideration should be given to the following criteria in evaluating candidates: financial need, academic standing, good character, record of leadership and public service.

### **STATE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The President of the LACD will appoint the LACD Executive Director, two supervisors and two non-supervisors to serve with him and the President of the LACD Auxiliary on the selection committee.

### **DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The district selection committee will include the Chairman of the local Soil and Water Conservation District Board and four others appointed by the Chairman of which at least two will be district supervisors.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

High school seniors that have been accepted by a two or four year accredited Louisiana college or university in the field of **agriculture, natural resources, or environmental sciences**.

## **APPLICATION DATE**

Each applicant must submit their entry form to the LACD District Scholarship Selection Committee before **March 8, 2024**. The district must submit its candidate's application to the State Scholarship Selection Committee before the **March 28, 2024**.

## **PROCESS FOR AWARDING OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

A check from LACD will be sent to the student after the LACD Secretary-Treasurer has received proof of the student completing their first quarter or semester of college and proof of registration for the next quarter or semester. Award checks will be made payable to the student. It is the district's responsibility to assist the student in notifying the Secretary-Treasurer that they have met the requirements so as to be awarded.

The LACD President and/or Chairman of the local district board is encouraged to attend the school's awards or graduation ceremony to present a certificate of achievement to the scholarship recipient.

APPLICATION FORM  
LACD SCHOLARSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ High School submits  
Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ as an applicant for the  
LACD SCHOLARSHIP. The applicant will graduate this spring and plans to continue  
his/her education at a Louisiana College or University in the field of agriculture, natural  
resources or environmental sciences.

Student's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal or  
Counselor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: PLEASE RETURN TO THE LOCAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN  
March 8, 2024.**

APPLICATION  
LACD SCHOLARSHIP

This form is to be completed by the applicant's principal or counselor.

- I. College entrance examination score (ACT) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Attach a copy of the ACT High School Report)
- II. Student's cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) excluding senior year spring semester \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. Student's current rank in class \_\_\_\_ and number of students in class \_\_\_\_\_.
- IV. Course Work

**Please list student's classes for terms indicated or provide official transcript**

Junior Year Courses	Check if Honors Class	Grade	Senior Year - 1st Semester Course	Check if Honors Class	Grade

Principal or  
Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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V. Extracurricular Activities (Limit to Eight) - Organizations and Clubs (if held office, please indicate): \_\_\_\_\_

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Honors and Awards (Limit to Eight): \_\_\_\_\_

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Community or Other Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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VI. Work Activities - Are you now employed? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, what type of work and number of hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your other work activities (such as family or farm duties): \_\_\_\_\_

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VII. List major field of study in undergraduate school: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ESSAY

In the space provided below, please describe in 75 words or less, in your own words and handwriting why you want to be a recipient of the LACD SCHOLARSHIP, the course of study or major field of interest you plan to follow, your proposed occupation or profession, and any other abilities you have that were not previously mentioned in this form. Please sign and date your essay.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_