



Avoyelles Soil and Water Conservation District
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TO: Avoyelles Parish High Schools
FROM: Avoyelles Soil and Water Conservation District
RE: Louisiana Association of Conservation District Scholarship
DATE: March 6, 2025

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 state of Louisiana as a full-time under-graduate student in the field of Agriculture, Natural Resources or Environmental Sciences.

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS APRIL 4, 2025

Please call our office for any assistance needed.

Avoyelles Soil and Water Conservation District
Maddy Coco, District Secretary
NRCS Program Assistant/LACD Financial Secretary
318-253-9235 X 3

Or email your application to: 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 of up to \$2,500 for a single awardee and \$2,000 if there happens to be two awardees for the 2025-2026 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 **April 4, 2025**. The district must submit its candidate application to the State Scholarship Selection Committee by **April 10, 2025**.

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
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025.**

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): _____

Honors and Awards (Limit to Eight): _____

Community or Other Activities: _____

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

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

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

VII. List major field of study in undergraduate school: _____
