

2018 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 \$2000 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 2017-2018 scholarships must be **emailed or postmarked by November 27, 2017** (the Monday following Thanksgiving). The scholarship application form is available on the Show-Me Chapter SWCS web site home page (www.moswcs.org) or by contacting Kim Vinson, 7005 SE Ketchem Rd, Cameron, MO 64429-8858, 816-632-0735, soilsgal78@gmail.com. From the web site, click to view the 2017-2018 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) A 3-5 page essay submitted in an MS Word document file as described on the application form with “SWCS Scholarship Application” in the email subject line, or if mailed, include the essay on a CD. Please double-space with 1-inch margins, using 12 point font size and Times New Roman font. **Email preferred.**
- 2) Two letters of recommendation (school advisor, teacher, employer, community leader, etc.) – may be emailed directly to soilsgal78@gmail.com.
- 3) List of positions of leadership and conservation activities, including dates and related organizations.
- 4) Most recently available high school and/or college transcript (copy)

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Essay Background Information:

The theme for the 2018 Show-Me SWCS Scholarship is

“Resource Managers <-> Resource Users”.

“Our tools are better than we are, and grow better faster than we do. They suffice to crack the atom, to command the tides, but they do not suffice for the oldest task in human history, to live on a piece of land without spoiling it.”

- Aldo Leopold, The River of the Mother of God

Through your essay, we want you to explore the practical basics from which today’s natural resource management advancements have developed, and the value in learning from the past to inform the future.

Essay Topic:

Please select a historical conservationist and detail their philosophy of resource management in relation to modern implementation. Talk about the figure’s personal background, the development of their interest in natural resources, some of their core ideas on natural resource management, techniques/policies that they pioneered, ways that their vision shaped future advancements, and at least one of their ideas that we would do well to go back and study, as we look to the future. We encourage you to examine your own person of interest, or one listed below.

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| - Aldo Leopold | - Jacques Cousteau |
| - Rachel Carson | - George Bird Grinnell |
| - Theodore Roosevelt | - Gloria Hollister |
| - Gifford Pinchot | - Edward H. Faulkner |
| - George Perkins Marsh | - Charles E. Kellogg |
| - Charles Sprague Sargent | - Ira Gabrielson |
| - David Bower | - William Temple Hornaday |
| - Archie Carr | - Marjory Stoneman Douglas |
| - Stephen Mather | - Hugh Hammond Bennett |
| - “Mardy” and Olaus Murie | - Roger Tory Peterson |
| - Barrington Moore, Sr. | - William Edwin Ricker |

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Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2018. Exact time and date will be provided to the scholarship winners and their families. Cash awards will be made directly to the recipients’ college or university for the Fall 2018 term.