

**2019 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 2018-2019 scholarships must be **emailed or postmarked by November 26, 2018** (the Monday following Thanksgiving). The scholarship application form is available on the Show-Me Chapter SWCS web site home page ([www.moswcs.org](http://www.moswcs.org)) or by contacting Kim Vinson, 7005 SE Ketchem Rd, Cameron, MO 64429-8858, 816-632-0735, [soilsgal78@gmail.com](mailto:soilsgal78@gmail.com). From the web site, click to view the 2018-2019 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](mailto: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 2019 Show-Me SWCS Scholarship is “*United We Conserve*”.

Through your essay, we want you to explore the benefits, and potential drawbacks, of partnerships in the field of conservation.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”

- *Helen Keller*

### **Essay Topic:**

Please select an example of a partnership related to natural resources conservation. Tell about the goals of the partnership. Talk about the partner members, what needs they have, and what they have to offer the other partners. Address the scale of partnership (global, regional, local, etc.), and the sectors from which the partners come, such as governments, individuals, academic institutions, indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations, and others. Discuss the intensity of cooperation, and life-span, of the partnership. Include potential drawbacks of being in a partnership, and suggest at least one additional partner who might be beneficial to the group, and what they have to offer. We encourage you to examine a partnership of your own choosing, or one listed below.

- Omaha Zoo and DiVentures partnership for Ocean Health Conservation
- National Fish Habitat Partnership
- A2 Climate Partnership in Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Oregon Conservation Partnership
- Blue 365 initiative with Microsoft and the National FFA organization
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Conservation Partners Program
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- African Wildlife Foundation and Beijing Zoo partnership
- Hawaii Fish Habitat Partnership
- Food and Agriculture Organization’s Global Soil Partnership
- Tennessee Natural Areas Bladderpod Conservation Project
- Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery project in Arizona
- Whitetails Unlimited and Realtree Partners in Conservation agreement
- Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas
- ThinkBIG program with Caterpillar and Illinois Central College

Scholarship applications must include a **3 to 5-page essay** (please include sources).

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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, Feb. 5-7, 2019. 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 2019 term.