

2020 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 2020-2021 scholarships must be **emailed or postmarked by November 30, 2020** (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, 11277 NE Witt Rd, Cameron, MO 64429, 816-632-0735, soilsgal78@gmail.com. From the web site, click to view the 2020-2021 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.

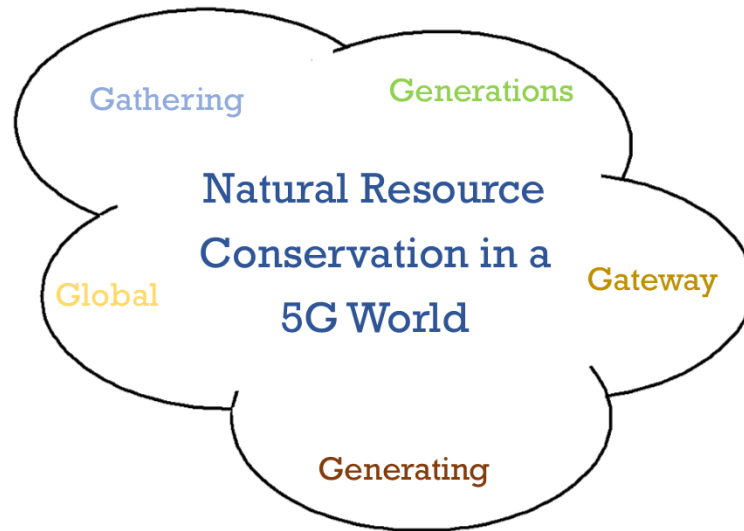
Each application must include:

- 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. 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)

Essay Background Information:

The theme for the 2020 Show-Me SWCS Scholarship is “Natural Resources Management and Conservation in a 5-G World”.

A 5G network is the new standard to virtually connect everyone and everything. It offers better speed, more responsiveness and the possibility of more connections. That technology is reshaping the supply and demand for natural resources, new technologies that support natural resource management, and driving progress forward. Technological advances have helped shape the way that we tackle the mission to protect and enhance our state’s abundant natural resources.



Essay Topic:

Through your essay, we want you to explore the ways that natural resource conservation is changing, due specifically to technological advances, and how that affects our ability to gather information, connect generations of people and research, generate ideas, communicate with the global scientists and natural resource connoisseurs, and the gateways opened by new technology. Pick one of the ideas, 1) gathering, 2) generations, 3) global, 4) gateway, and 5) generating, and explain how you feel that phrase relates to natural resources and technology.

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Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the virtual Missouri Natural Resources Conference, February 1-5, 2021. Exact time and date will be provided to the scholarship winner(s) and their families. Cash awards will be made directly to the recipients’ college or university for the Fall 2021 term.