



JIM RUTHERFORD CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP 2023

SPONSOR:

McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District
402 N. Kays Drive Normal, IL 61761
(309)452-3848 ext. 3
www.mcleancountyswcd.com/jimrutherford/

PURPOSE:

The Jim Rutherford Scholarship has been established by the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District to assist outstanding agricultural students at any Illinois College. The student awarded the scholarship should demonstrate superior agricultural academic achievement, commitment to soil and water conservation and potential for innovation and/or leadership ability. The Jim Rutherford Scholarship is awarded in the fall semester of the academic year. The fall 2023 scholarship award will be \$1,000.

HISTORY:

The McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District was organized in March 1942. On May 8, 1942, an election for five directors was held. Frank Hubert of Saybrook was elected chairman; Charles Richardson of Ellsworth, vice-chairman; Byron Kline of LeRoy, secretary; E.D. Hess of Arrowsmith and Harry Miller of Saybrook, directors.

Currently, the District's governing body consists of five directors, who must be owners or occupiers of land within the district boundaries. Each director is elected for a two-year term at the district's annual meeting, which is held in January or February.

Our current Board Members are:

Mike Kelley, Chairman
Sally Breese, Vice-Chairman
Howard Heatherwick, Secretary, Treasurer
Irvin Bane, Director
Jeff Mathews, Director

ELIGIBILITY:

Any student who is currently a high school senior and will be enrolled in an Agricultural program for the 2023-2024 academic year at any college (junior college or four year university) in Illinois is eligible.

CRITERIA

1. Demonstrates academic ability and achievement
2. Commitment to soil and water conservation
3. Potential for innovation and leadership ability
4. McLean County Resident

SELECTION PROCESS:

Please submit applications to McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District 402 N. Kays Drive Normal, IL 61761. Applications will be accepted from students until **March 17, 2023**. Applications must be complete and accompanied by the Application Form, Transcript, and Letters of Recommendation. The McLean County Soil & Water Conservation Board shall review all applications and select the student to be awarded the Jim Rutherford Scholarship. Winner will be notified early May.



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APPLICATION FORM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Any student who is currently a high school senior and will be enrolled in an Agricultural program for the 2023-2024 academic year at any college (junior college or four year university) in Illinois is eligible.

To be eligible a student must:

1. Be a high school senior soon to be enrolled at any Illinois College in agriculture.
2. Be a resident of McLean County.
3. Have a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale OR a 4.0 on a 5.0 scale.
4. Submit a copy of their latest transcript.

Please fill in the following information:

FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER : _____

DEGREE OF INTEREST: _____

HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU WILL GRADUATE: _____

CURRENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____ SCALE USED: _____

NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP (if different from applicant): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____



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APPLICATION FORM CONTINUED

YOU MAY USE A SEPARATE SHEET TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. List all High School extracurricular or community activities, including offices held:

2. Briefly state your educational plans and career objectives for the next 5 years:

3. Briefly describe your interest and experience in soil and water conservation activities:

FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS VISIT: www.mcleancountyswcd.com/program-enrollment/

4. Of the program offerings listed which addresses the loss of the monarch butterfly and wildlife habitat and why?
(250 words or less)

5. If you could promote the conservation practices offered by McLean County SWCD, how would you promote it to farmers and landowners?

Character References: Please provide two(2) Letters of Recommendation from those who are well acquainted with your education and abilities.
