



JOE & HELEN VADEN EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS DUE TO SOUTHSIDE SWCD ON
OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2024, TO BE CONSIDERED**

PURPOSE:

Southside Soil and Water Conservation District is offering an educational scholarship to a deserving student that demonstrates an interest in environmental studies, agriculture, forestry or conservation.

CRITERIA:

The scholarship is open to all **Charlotte County and Lunenburg County** students that meet the following criteria:

- Must be enrolled as a full-time student or have applied and been accepted in a two-year or four-year college
- Applicant should rank in the top 20% of their graduating class or have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average
- Demonstrate a strong desire to major in an area related to natural resource conservation or environmental studies
- Must be a resident of either Charlotte County or Lunenburg County
- An official transcript **MUST** be enclosed with the application

DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2024

SUBMIT TO: Southside SWCD
250 LeGrande Avenue
Suite F
Charlotte CH, VA 23923



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A. Personal Information

1. Applicant's Name _____
Last First Middle
2. Home Address _____

3. County of Residence _____
4. Telephone Number _____
5. Date of Birth _____ 6. Email: _____

B. Educational Background

Attach your most recent official transcript. Your official transcript must show the official school seal.

1. High School Attending or Attended: _____
2. Anticipated or Date of Graduation: _____
3. Number of students in your class: _____ Class Rank: _____
4. Scholastic Average (GPA): _____
5. College(s) Attending or Plan to Attend: Include College Name and Location
(1) _____
(2) _____
6. Major/Minor: _____
7. Career Goals: _____

C. Environmental Leadership & Activity Experience

List any environmental leadership or activity experience you may have including participation in Envirothon, Youth Conservation Camp, 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA), etc. Attach additional information as needed.

D. Other Leadership & Activity Experience

List all other organizations and important extracurricular activities in which you have or currently are participating. Indicate any activities in which you hold or have held office and note which position. Include other activities such as athletics, music, drama, dance, public speaking, clubs, societies, public events/exhibits or awards, list honors or letters earned. Attach additional information as needed.

E. Volunteer & Paid Experience

List any volunteer or paid experiences including your position, date of service, and brief description of duties. Attach additional information as needed.

1. _____

2. _____

F. References/Letters of Recommendation

Attach recommendation letters from at least 3 references - other than family members - who can provide additional information about your academic and community activities. Share with your references that the purpose of this scholarship is to promote through education the conservation of our natural resources by providing financial support to students majoring in or showing a strong desire to major in a curriculum related to natural resource conservation or environmental studies. List below details on those from whom you have requested recommendation letters.

1. Name of Reference: _____
Position/Relation to Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____

2. Name of Reference: _____
Position/Relation to Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____

G. Essay

- Attach a typed response of approximately 300-500 words addressing how your past experiences have influenced you to pursue a career in environmental or natural resource conservation. Discuss your career goals and how you feel you will impact conservation and the environment after graduation.

H. Signatures/Certification

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. If declared a recipient of this scholarship, I will provide the SSWCD a statement that may be used for publicity purposes.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Attachments to Include: Official Transcript, Letters of Recommendation, Essay & any additional information

**Return to: SOUTHSIDE SWCD, 250 LeGrande Avenue, Suite F, Charlotte CH, VA 23923
on or before MAY 1, 2024, to be considered.
Contact Phone Number: 434-542-5405, ext. 2
SWCD Staff Point of Contact Regarding Scholarships: Tricia Mays**