

**2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
DORCHESTER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Return this application and supporting documents to:

**James E. Fender, Chairman
USDA Service Center
Dorchester Soil and Water Conservation District
5809 W. Jim Bilton Blvd.
St. George, SC 29477
(843) 563-3218 Ext: 3003**

This scholarship (\$500 to \$1,000) is to be presented in one sum at the Conservation Awards Banquet in the spring. The scholarship check will be written to the recipient. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage education in an environmental field and enhance awareness of the importance of the conservation of our natural resources. The winning selection will be based on the criteria of the mission and goals of the Dorchester Conservation District.

This scholarship is available to a high school senior or college student that either attends school in Dorchester County or resides in Dorchester County that plans to major in an agricultural or environmental related field such as but not limited to: Vocational Agriculture Education, Agriculture Economics or Agriculture and Environmental Engineering, Agronomy, Forestry, Horticulture or Soils.

The recipient must demonstrate ability, knowledge, and need in the application. Recipients may only receive this scholarship up to two times if applied for multiple times throughout your educational journey.

Sponsors of this scholarship program include: Dorchester Soil and Water Conservation District, businesses, organizations and individual citizens that have designated funds for this activity.

The deadline for this application and supporting material is to be turned into the Dorchester Conservation District office no later than, Friday March 13, 2026.

Part I is to be completed by the guidance counselor.

Part II is to be completed by the applicant.

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Part I. DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Parent's Name: _____

Rank In Class: _____

Test Scores:

College Entrance Exam: _____

Advance Test Scores (if taken): Science _____ Math _____

Science, agriculture, horticulture, or environmental courses, etc. taken in high school:

Subject:	Final Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Attach the most recent transcript.

Honors, Awards, Offices held, etc.:

Guidance Counselor's Signature

ATTACH ANY STATEMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TEACHER

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Part II. To be completed by the applicant. Please respond by legible narrative using the following outline.

- A. College, university, or school where you have been accepted.
- B. What course of study do you plan to pursue?
- C. List your extra-curricular activities and achievements in school or community during the last two years.
- D. Briefly outline your personal views about the importance of soil, water, plant and animal resources.
- E. Describe the projects or activities in which you have participated to enhance, promote or encourage soil, water, and other resource conservation.
- F. What are your career goals?
- G. Explain your financial need. Indicate how this scholarship will be used.
- H. List any other special needs or conditions to support your request to be considered for this scholarship.
- I. References: In addition to the statements made by your guidance counselor and teachers in Part I of this application, please attach two other statements from others of your choosing.
- J. Signature of applicant.
- K. Could you attend the District's Award Banquet in the Spring to accept this scholarship?