



Horry County Solid Waste Authority

PO Box 1664, Conway, SC 29528-1664

2025-2026 Environmental Scholarship Application

Deadline: Friday, February 6, 2026

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Procedures

All applicants must:

- Complete the application and answer the essay personally.
- Enclose only the items requested in the requirements.
- Include on each attachment the applicant's name and address.
- Submit all attachments with the application form to ensure that all items are available for review at the same time.
- Send completed application to: Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Attn: Public Education, P.O. Box 1664, Conway, SC 29528-1664. *Faxes or emails will not be accepted.*
- **Deadline:** Be advised that only those applications postmarked on or before February 6, 2026 will be considered.
- Be advised that applications become the property of the Horry County Solid Waste Authority and will not be returned to the applicant.
- Please understand that submitting this application is in no way a guarantee that a scholarship will be granted.
- The SWA Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior, attending a public school in Horry County.
2. Resident of Horry County (for at least one year).
3. Pursuing a degree related to the environment, public education, waste management or health promotions field.
4. Enrolled as a fulltime student for **Fall 2026**. (Documentation of acceptance into a higher education institution is required).
5. Submit application that is postmarked on or before February 6, 2026. **Late applications will not be considered. Please use sufficient postage.**
6. Provide a transcript of high school grades covering a minimum of six semesters. (The transcript need not be "official" and may be a photocopy.)
7. Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
8. Provide one signed letter of recommendation from a mentor, teacher, civic leader, or church leader who knows the applicant personally. (Endorsements from parents will not be accepted)



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