Douglas Steinbrunner Memorial

2027 Scholarship for Agriculture & Natural Resources

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage promising students to enter the fields of agriculture or natural resources and to prepare them for such a career through an organized program of study at an Ohio college or university. This scholarship is awarded in memory of Doulas Steinbrunner and his more than 30 years of service to the Darke Soil and Water Conservation District.

QUALIFICATIONS - Applications will be accepted from students meeting the following qualifications:

1. A 2027 graduate of a Darke County public or private high school,
2. At the time of application, applicant must have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent,
3. Planning to enroll full-time at a two or four-year Ohio college, technical school or university in Fall 2027,
4. Planning to pursue degree in an agricultural or natural resource related field.
5. Financial need is NOT a consideration for this scholarship.

Some qualifying fields of study are, but not limited to:

Agronomy	Resource Management
Forestry	Wildlife Management
Agricultural Engineering	Fisheries Management
Environmental Engineering	Agricultural Education/Communication
Land-Use Planning	Environmental Education/Communication
Soil Science	Environmental Science
Plant Science	Animal Science

Other fields of study will be considered subject to the approval of the Darke SWCD. The Darke SWCD reserves the right to withhold scholarship if applications received don't meet qualifications.

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP - The scholarship award is for $1,000 and will be processed through the College or University scholarship office and will be available to the student in January 2028 after proof of the student's continuing enrollment at the school has been obtained.

The selection committee reserves the right to refuse the application due to any of the following: incomplete application, essay and recommendation letter content, field of study selection and/or previous scholarship earnings.

The recipient will be acknowledged at his/her school graduation, at a Darke SWCD board meeting, annual meeting and banquet and in the Darke SWCD e-newsletter.

Completed applications must be received at the Darke SWCD office by 4:00pm on April 16, 2027.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

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2027 Scholarship Application

Please complete application and attach all required documents. *Incomplete applications or those missing any required documents will not be considered.* All documentation will be treated as confidential.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current High School where enrolled: _____ Current GPA: _____

Proposed University/College to Attend: _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ○ Attach current academic transcript(s)
- ○ Attach a list with the following: positions of leadership held, awards received and organizations participated in during your high school or college career. Include any other information about yourself that you feel the scholarship committee should consider.
- ○ Attach an original, personal essay describing the reason you have chosen to pursue a degree in agriculture or natural resources. The essay must be typed and at least 400 words in length.
- ○ Arrange to have two (2) letters of recommendation from an employer or teacher (past or present) submitted directly to the Darke SWCD office. Consider providing reference persons with a stamped, addressed envelope for their convenience in forwarding letters to our office. ***Please do not send the letters with your application.***

SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, authorize the release of all scholarship materials including references and grade information to all members of the selection committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Applications can be mailed or dropped off to:

Darke Soil & Water Conservation District
Attn: Jared Coppess
1117 Southtowne Court
Greenville, Ohio 45331