

Sauk River Watershed District Scholarship Program

This scholarship is intended to support a student who has demonstrated an interest in the fresh water resources and who is registered in a 2-4 year program majoring in the environmental sciences or related field.

Awards:

Depending on funding availability, one, possibly two scholarships in the amount of \$400 will be given out each year to students in their senior year of high school. All applications should be received by March 15, of their senior year and awards will be announced on April 1. Upon completion of their first quarter/semester of secondary school, the recipient will receive the award of \$400. A second scholarship may be given to a student who demonstrates a financial need.

Objectives of the Awards:

The mission of the Sauk River Watershed District's scholarship program is:

- a) To further encourage highly capable individuals to continue studies in the Environmental Sciences with a strong component in one or more areas of limnology, hydrology, aquatic biology, and water related majors.
- b) To provide additional incentive and motivation for an individual of high scholastic achievement to dedicate his/her professional or academic career to the field of fresh water resource protection and water pollution control, and to recognize and reward such achievement and dedication.
- c) To enhance and promote the field of fresh water resource studies and environmental protection by attracting people of outstanding ability and rigorous educational standards

Eligibility and Qualifications:

The awards are based on academic performance, merit, scholastic ability, and demonstrated interest in fresh water resources.

- a) Applicants must live within the Sauk River Watershed.
- b.) Individuals must enroll in a program leading to a degree in environmental science, environmental engineering, or a closely related field with an emphasis in appropriate technical aspects of water resource protection and/or water pollution control.
- c) Registration must be as a full-time student at a recognized two or four year college.
- d) Individuals must have taken advanced science classes in high school
- e) Individual's experience should demonstrate their interest in water related topics

General information required of all candidates:

- a) Official transcript(s) of academic record.
- b) Information on the program of the college or university in which the individual is enrolled.
- c) A one page paper describing your plans for the future in the environmental field.
- d) Additional supporting material such as recommendations from the faculty and information on any activity, research, experience, papers, involvement, and interest in the field of environmental science or water pollution control.

Scholarship Procedures:

1. A completed application must be submitted and accompanied by a letter(s) of recommendation on school letterhead from the principal, assistant principal, guidance counselor, and math or science teacher. The completed application must be submitted by March 15 for it to be reviewed and considered.
2. The SRWD Education Committee will evaluate and review all applications.
3. When a nominee has been selected, the Education Coordinator will contact the applicant by letter.
4. The intended recipient shall acknowledge his or her acceptance of the award in writing to the Education Coordinator by April 15 or recipient relinquishes the award.
5. Funds will be released directly to the Recipient after completing one semester of secondary schooling and upon receipt of an acceptable proof of attendance at an accredited institution.

Applicants should request an application packet by calling the Sauk River Watershed District at 320-352-2231, writing 524 Fourth Street South, Sauk Centre, MN 56378 or e-mailing adam@srwdmn.org. Upon receipt of the completed packet, the scholarship review committee will review the applications and, following their recommendation, scholarships are awarded by the Education Committee.

It is the intention of the Committee to select as a winner an applicant who has demonstrated the interests and desire to study our water resources. However, the Committee retains the right and sole discretion to award the applicant it feels are most qualified.

The deadline for applications is March 15.

Sauk River Watershed District Scholarship Application

Applicant Information:

Parent or Guardians name: _____

Applicant's Legal Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant's E-Mail Address: _____

School Information:

I currently attend (Please check): High School College

Name of School _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____

Honors or Awards Received:

Extracurricular Activities:

Hobbies:

Education Goals:

Experience in Water Resources:

Please specify the college or university you will be attending, or if still unknown, schools applied to:

Intended Major:



Sauk River Watershed District Scholarship Recommendation Form

If you have any questions, please call the Sauk River Watershed District 320-352-2231
This form MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICES BY: **March 15.**

Recommendation Form

****Please make copies of this form for your references using your school's letterhead.****

Section A (to be completed by applicant):

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Applicant:

- Please sign one of the two statements noted below and give this form to your references.
- This form should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the sealed flap for you to return with your application.

1. I expressly waive any rights I might have to access to this letter of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or any law, regulation, or policy.

Signature of applicant Date

2. I do not agree to the above waiver.

Signature of applicant Date

Section B (to be completed by recommender):

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Deadline for Recommendations: March 15th

Please complete the following and return this form to the student in a sealed envelope with your Signature across the sealed flap. A letter in place of this form is acceptable so long as it answers the questions presented, and sections 4 and 5 on this form are completed by you.

1. **How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?**

2. What do you consider his or her most outstanding talents or characteristics?

3. What are the applicant's chief liabilities or weaknesses that may affect his or her future academic and career performance?

4. Please complete the following even if sending a separate letter:

Please use the scale provided to rate the applicant in relation to his or her peers.

Communication Skills: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3
Average Middle 1/3 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Intellectual Curiosity: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3
Average Middle 1/3 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Organization and Focus: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3
Average Middle 1/3 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Professional Attitude: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3
Average Middle 1/3 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Capacity for Self -Criticism: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3
Average Middle 1/3 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Integrity: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3 Average Middle 1/3
 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Originality: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3 Average Middle
1/3 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Persistence: __ Exceptional Top 2% __ Excellent Top 10% __ Good Top 1/3 __ Average Middle 1/3__ Poor Bottom 1/3 __ Unable to Judge

Capacity for hard Work: __ Exceptional Top 2% __ Excellent Top 10% __ Good Top 1/3 __ Average Middle 1/3__ Poor Bottom 1/3 __ Unable to Judge

Analytical Ability: __ Exceptional Top 2% __ Excellent Top 10% __ Good Top 1/3 __ Average Middle 1/3__ Poor Bottom 1/3 __ Unable to Judge

6. Check one:

____ I strongly recommend this applicant for a Sauk River Watershed District Scholarship.

____ I recommend this applicant for a Sauk River Watershed District Scholarship.

____ I recommend this applicant with some reservation.

____ I do not recommend this applicant for a Sauk River Watershed District Scholarship.

Signature

Date

Name: _____

Position/Title:

Organization:

Address:

City State Zip

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

