

Onondaga County Soil & Water Conservation District



AL SWEETLAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please be sure to use only this form or the downloadable form from the District Web site when applying.

To ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible, please read and follow these procedures and requirements as written.

BACKGROUND

The Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District offers a number of natural resources programs and services, including technical assistance for farmers and landowners, environmental education programs, a Prescribed Grazing program and a Tree & Shrub sale. The main focus of our efforts is on the Agricultural Environmental Management Program, which is a voluntary program that helps farmers address water quality concerns on their entire farms by coordinating technical and financial assistance. Our Mission is to promote excellence in the wise use of our rural and urban natural resources.

This scholarship has been created in memory of S. Albert Sweetland. Al was a former member and past Chairman of the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District, and was active in soil and water conservation at local, state and national levels. He retired as owner and operator of the Sweetland Farms, Fabius, NY. Al was a great asset to the District and this scholarship honors his contributions to soil and water conservation.

Date Established: 2006, Length of Scholarship: one year, Renewable: no, Amount of award: \$500

PROCEDURES

Applicant must:

- Complete the application personally.
- Enclose only the items requested in the requirements (no biographies, resumes, or supplementary lists of activities).
- Answer all questions on the application. Use only the space provided.
- Address complete application to: ONONDAGA CO. SWCD, 2571 ROUTE 11, STE 1, LA FAYETTE, NY 13084. The District is not responsible for lost or misdirected applications. Faxed applications will not be accepted.
- Be advised that applications postmarked after **May 21, 2007** will not be accepted for consideration.
- Be advised that applications become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant. The selection committee will inform applicants of its decision in writing by May 30, 2007.
- Understand that submitting this application is in no way a guarantee that a scholarship will be granted.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must:

1. Be a Junior or Senior in High School in the year the scholarship is applied for.
 2. Be a resident of Onondaga County.
 3. Submit application postmarked before **May 21, 2007**. Use sufficient postage.
 4. Have demonstrated leadership ability in conservation and a strong record of participation in activities outside of school.
 5. Submit an essay clearly stating their interest in the conservation field and why they believe they should be granted this scholarship .
 6. Be accepted at an accredited public or private college or university.
 7. Have a planned major of study in a field such as Environmental Science, Conservation, Environmental Engineering or Natural Resources.
 8. Possess and demonstrate an interest in the conservation / environmental field.
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