

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

Applications are being accepted for the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District Dick O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship. This \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a qualified student graduating from high school this spring.

Applicant Criteria

1. Applicant must be a Delaware County resident, or have graduated or be graduating from one of the Delaware County public or private high schools.
2. At the time of application, the applicant must have achieved at least a 2.5 grade average on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicant must be entering her/his freshman year as a full-time student at a two or four-year accredited college, technical school or university.
4. Applicant must be pursuing a degree in Agriculture.

Applications are available on-line at www.delawareswcd.org, in high school guidance offices, and at the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District office, 557-A Sunbury Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015-8656. Call the SWCD for more information at 740/368-1921. **Completed applications must be received by the SWCD office by Friday, April 13, 2012.**

Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District

Dick O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship

The Dick O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the memory of Mr. O'Keefe who passed away on December 29, 1997. Contributions in his memory came from a host of friends and family, as they knew how much farming was a part of his life.

Dick was born and reared in Delaware County, and introduced to farming at an early age, as was his father and grandfather before him. He understood all the perils associated with agriculture, but "the seed had been planted," making the term "farmer" something of which he was very proud. His concern was farming would become "extinct," due to multiple reasons. May this scholarship help a young person with the same dream.

The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District will award one (1) five hundred dollar (\$ 500.00) scholarship for the academic year 2012-2013.

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Method of Application

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2. Completed applications, including letters of recommendation, must be received by the Delaware SWCD by **Friday, April 13, 2012**.
3. **Official transcript of high school grades must be submitted with the application.**
4. Please arrange to have two letters of reference submitted to the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District to be received by the SWCD no later than Friday, April 13, 2012.

Selection Process

1. Recipient will be announced the 1st week of May, 2012.
2. Selection committee will consist of the Delaware SWCD Education Coordinator, a Delaware SWCD Supervisor, and a representative of the O'Keefe family.
3. The Selection Committee will review all applications and have the option to interview. The committee's decision is final. Recipient may be asked to supply a publicity photo.

Method of Distribution

1. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum. Upon proof of enrollment, the check will be made payable to the recipient and institution they are attending. Or if being used to purchase books, the check will be made payable to the recipient upon receiving a copy (copies) of a valid college bookstore receipt(s) equaling or exceeding the scholarship amount.
2. The entire scholarship must be used within one year of the official announcement.
3. If the scholarship is not used within the designated year, the remainder will be returned and placed back into the Dick O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship Fund.
4. The recipient will be acknowledged at her or his school's Senior Awards Ceremony, at a SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting and at the SWCD Annual Meeting.

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please arrange to have two letters of reference submitted to the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District to be received by the SWCD no later than Friday, April 13, 2012. All information will be treated as confidential and used only by those involved with the scholarship selection process. You might consider providing these reference persons with stamped, addressed envelopes for their convenience in forwarding these letters to the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District.

RETURN APPLICATION AND REFERENCE LETTERS TO:

Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District
557-A Sunbury Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015-8656

Phone 740 - 368-1921
Fax 740 - 369-8321

DEADLINE:

The SWCD should receive reference letters and completed application by *Friday, April 13, 2012*.

**Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District
Dick O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship**

2012-2013 APPLICATION FORM

Please print or type

If more space is needed, please attach additional sheets.

A computer or word processed facsimile of this form is acceptable.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ Home Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

SCHOOL DATA

Name of High School _____

H.S. Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ County _____ Phone (____) _____

Year of Graduation _____ Your Class Rank _____ in class of _____.

Current or ending GPA _____ on a _____ GPA scale.

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

School you will be attending in the fall of 2012 _____

School Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Admissions Office Phone (____) _____

Planned Major _____

What are your long-range educational and career goals? _____

List your involvement in school co-curricular activities/groups by year, including leadership positions held and awards/honors received.

Activity/Group	9	10	11	12	Leadership-Honors/Awards
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List your involvement in community activities/groups/work by year, including leadership positions held and awards/honors received.

Activity/Group	9	10	11	12	Leadership-Honors/Awards
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Why do you feel you should receive this scholarship? _____

List the amount of any scholarships, awards, and loans you will be receiving in the 2012-2013 school year.

Briefly explain any background or experience you might have related to agriculture. _____

Cite some examples of “contact with the land” personal experiences that helped steer you toward your long range education and career goals.

CERTIFICATION:

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of information that I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date _____

We hereby certify that _____, an applicant for the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District - Dick O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship, fully intends to pursue a degree at an institution of higher learning. We further certify that the information listed in this application is true and accurate.

Principal or Counselor's Signature: _____ Date _____
(specify)

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____