

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 raised 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. 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 2020-2021.

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 his/her 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 or natural resources.

Method of Application

1. Applications are available on-line at soilandwater.co.delaware.oh.us, in high school guidance offices, and at the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District office, 557-A Sunbury Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015-8656. The Delaware SWCD phone number is (740) 368-1921.
2. Completed applications, including letters of recommendation, must be received by the Delaware SWCD by **April 10, 2020**.
3. Official transcript of high school grades must be submitted with the application.

Selection Process

1. Recipient will be announced the 1st full week of May, 2020.
2. Selection committee will consist of the Delaware SWCD Outreach 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. 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 may be acknowledged at his/her school's Senior Awards Ceremony, at a SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting and/or at the Delaware County Fair.

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 April 10, 2020. 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. They are also welcome to email them instead. Please give references plenty of time to write their letters.

RETURN APPLICATION AND REFERENCE LETTERS BY *April 10, 2020* TO OUR OFFICE OR VIA EMAIL:

Email: ewolfe@co.delaware.oh.us
Phone: 740-368-1921

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

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2020-2021 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 _____ Cell Phone (____) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
Address _____ Cell Phone (____) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Occupation _____

SCHOOL DATA

Name of High School _____
H.S. Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ County _____ Phone (____) _____
Year of Graduation _____ Current or ending GPA _____ on a _____ GPA scale.

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

School you will be attending in the fall of 2020 _____
School Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Admissions Office Phone (____) _____
Planned Major _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List your involvement in school extra-curricular activities/groups by year, including any leadership positions held and awards/honors received (if leadership role does not apply, leave space blank).

<u>Activity/Group</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Leadership/Honors/Awards</u>
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List your involvement in community activities/groups/work by year, including any leadership positions held and awards/honors received (if leadership role does not apply, leave space blank).

<u>Activity/Group</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Leadership/Honors/Awards</u>
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ESSAY QUESTIONS

What are some of your education and/or career goals? _____

Cite some examples of personal experiences related to agriculture and/or natural resources that helped steer you toward your education and career goals.

Provide any additional information that explains why you should receive this scholarship.

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:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____