



Michigan Chapter

MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIPS IN CONSERVATION PROGRAM **ACADEMIC YEAR FALL 2026 – SPRING 2027**

The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit scientific and educational organization dedicated to advancing the science and art of good land use. SWCS has over 3,000 members worldwide. The Michigan Chapter, one of many local Chapters of SWCS, is also a Federal 501(c)(3) organization and a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation in Michigan. The Michigan Chapter offers this Scholarship to college or university students in Michigan.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Scholarships are awarded to encourage qualified students to enter the field of natural resources conservation, and to prepare them for related careers through an organized program of study at an institution of higher education offering training in appropriate disciplines. Awards will be based on interest in conservation, scholastic ability, and participation in conservation activities.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a student enrolled in an agricultural, natural resources, or conservation curriculum at an accredited Michigan college or university.
2. Be a full-time Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Graduate student in the fall term of the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded.
3. Have submitted a complete scholarship application by the due date provided in the announcement.

AMOUNT

A Scholarship of \$1000.00 will be awarded. In addition, the recipient will be invited to attend the Michigan Chapter's 2025 Annual Meeting in December 2026, to be introduced as our 2026-2027 *Michigan Scholarships in Conservation Program* recipient.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for the scholarship must reach the Scholarship Committee by **November 9, 2026**. The recipient will be selected by **November 30, 2026**. Application forms may be downloaded from the Michigan Chapter website: <https://www.miglswcs.org/awards-and-scholarships/scholarships/>, or requested directly from the Chapter Secretary. Applications should be emailed to:

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary
Michigan Chapter SWCS
113 North Dr. E.
Marshall, MI 49068
email: daniel.kesselring@miglswcs.org

Submit the following two pages of this application to the above email address in pdf format by November 9, 2026.

In addition, two reference letters are required. These letters should be e-mailed or mailed directly to the above address by the authors.

QUESTIONS: Dr. Zachary Curtis, Scholarship Committee Chair, zachary.curtis@miglswcs.org (517) 614-5169)

MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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2026-2027 Academic Year Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant (Last, First, Middle):

Current Address:

Permanent Address:

Phone _____ Cellphone _____ E-Mail _____

University/College and Department where you are now studying:

What is your current academic level? _____ What is your college grade point average? _____ Scale? _____

How many credits/hours of classes are you taking now?

What is your major?

List any minor(s):

What is the emphasis of your studies?

List credit courses completed in college that provided you with an understanding of natural resources and conservation.

For the current academic year, what are your funding sources for college? (should total 100%)

Parents _____ % Work _____ % Loans _____ % Scholarship _____ % Other _____ %.

Please identify the source of Other:

List leadership positions you have held or now hold (4-H, FFA, student organizations, etc.)

Are you presently a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society? _____ Yes _____ No. If yes, what Chapter?

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is correct, and I release this information to the Michigan Chapter SWCS for their use in evaluating scholarship applications. If selected, I agree to use the Michigan Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society Scholarship Award of \$1000 for my educational expenses only.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

USE THE NEXT PAGE TO PROVIDE A ONE PAGE SINGLE SPACED STATEMENT DESCRIBING YOUR BACKGROUND, ATTITUDES TOWARD CONSERVATION, OBJECTIVES OF YOUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, CAREER PLANS AND FINANCIAL NEED.

