

Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District
Max and Frances Sanford Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship application including essay and transcripts must be received in office by
Tuesday, April 1, 2026

The scholarship is offered to a Knox County resident who is pursuing a career in Agriculture or an Environmental related field. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, submit an application with current transcripts (**REQUIRED**) and write an essay on “What Conservation means to you and how do you plan to incorporate Conservation into your Future Plans?”

Scholarship applications can be found at the District office 233 S. Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, or online at <https://knoxcountyilswcd.wixsite.com/knox>. For questions contact the district office at (309) 342-5138 ext. 3

*Scholarship will be awarded following completion of Fall 2026 semester.

*Past recipients are encouraged to apply, however priority will be given to first time applicants.

*Any application received incomplete (i.e. missing transcript, essay, or application) will be withdrawn from further review.

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2026 APPLICATION FOR THE KNOX COUNTY SWCD
MAX AND FRANCES SANFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

FOR AN AGRICULTURAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL RELATED PROGRAM

Required: A copy of your most recent transcripts

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL GPA OR COLLEGE GPA: _____

COLLEGE YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND OR CURRENTLY

ATTENDING: _____

Number of years of Vo-Ag in High School _____

Number of years of FFA in High School _____

Number of years of FCCLA in High School _____

What program are you pursuing or plan to pursue? _____

What Financial Aid have you applied for in addition to this scholarship?

List activities that you have participated in (High School, College, Church, and Community) related to agriculture or the environment:

On a separate sheet (**not to exceed one page**) submit a statement telling the selection committee what conservation means to you and how do you plan to incorporate conservation into your future plans.

I understand that the amount of this scholarship varies. I certify that I plan to attend college this fall as a full time student pursuing an agricultural or environmental related program. Also, I hereby grant the right for the selection committee to review my academic records for the purpose of determining my grade point average.

Signature_____

Please return completed form (with attachments) to: Knox County SWCD,
Attn: Scholarship Committee, 233 S. Soangetaha Road, Galesburg, IL
61401.

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2026