

ADAIR COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Board of Commissioners

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October 12, 2015

TO: High School Counselors, Voc-Ag Instructors and FFA Advisors, and 4-H Leaders
RE: 2016 Scholarship Awards

Enclosed is a copy of the Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) Scholarship Application for 2016. This same form will be used for the three scholarships awarded by the Adair County Soil and Water Conservation District. The application is available at www.cdiowa.org where students can fill it out online and print. Please throw away all previous years' forms – they will not be honored!

Scholarships will be presented to high school seniors to be used for their first year of education on the college level while **pursuing programs of study in any field of agriculture or natural resources. One \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships will be awarded locally to 2016 graduates residing in Adair County.** On the state level, scholarship awards are at a higher level of \$4,000-first, \$3,000-second, \$2,000-third, and \$600 for the other six regional winners. First, second and third place awards will be paid directly to the school of choice in two installments, beginning with the first term of attendance and at mid-term or semester. The regional \$600 awards will be paid directly to the students. The local Adair County SWCD scholarships will be paid directly to the student after recipient sends a letter of acceptance from the college they will be attending to the Adair SWCD office (705 NE 6th St., Suite E, Greenfield, IA 50849).

For local scholarships from Adair SWCD: All applications must be typed not to exceed four, single-sided, single-spaced pages with a minimum of a 12 point font. Have the school official attach to this application your official transcript which must include your school attendance record, GPA and current class ranking, attach your ACT or SAT scores, include one letter of recommendation, and attach a photograph to the application. Criteria consideration will be points: 20 points for Involvement, Leadership, and Character; 20 points for Career; 30 points for Scholastic Achievement; and 30 points for Conservation Message. Please make sure the student reads the rules and submits all requested information.

Applications must be submitted to the local Adair Soil and Water Conservation District office **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016.** The Adair SWCD commissioners will select the winners for the local scholarships. For the state scholarships, one application will be selected and forwarded to the Conservation Districts of Iowa Regional Director, who will in turn select an application and forward it to the CDI Auxiliary President. The CDI Auxiliary President will make the final selections.

Please be certain to have the student submit to the district that they live in. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 641/343-7033, Extension 301.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Dickerson

Linda M. Dickerson, State Secretary
Adair County SWCD/NRCS

The Adair SWCD is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



Conservation Districts of Iowa
Conservation Scholarship Application
Class of 2016

Instructions

1. Fill in the below portion of this page by typing or clearly hand writing the answers on the lines provided.
2. Answer the 9 questions that follow on a separate page. Do not allow your answers to exceed four, single-sided, single-spaced pages with a minimum of a 12 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins.
3. Have your school official attach to this application your **official** transcript, which must include your school attendance record, GPA and current class ranking.
4. Attach your ACT, SAT or other standardized test scores.
5. One letter of recommendation from your school or an employer is **required**. Please do not submit more than one letter.
6. Please print and return this application with attachments to the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office in the county that you reside in by **Friday, February 26, 2016**. Select your county on the map at <https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/districtMap> to locate your county SWCD Office.

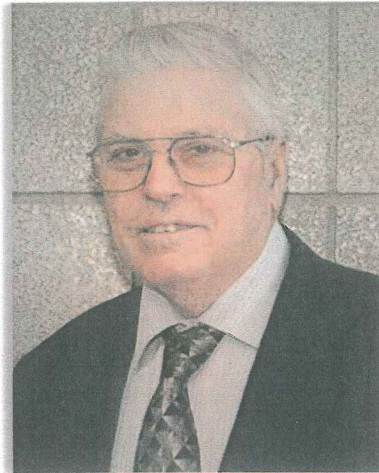
First Name _____ Middle _____ Last Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ County _____
Fathers Full Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Mothers Full Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Planned Date of Graduation _____ GPA* _____ / _____
Class Rank* _____ / _____ Attendance Record* _____
ACT, SAT or other standardized test score* _____

*** Be sure to provide documentation to support GPA, Class Rank, Attendance Record and ACT, SAT or other standardized test score information entered above.**

1. List the name, location and dates of attendance of *all* High Schools you have attended.
2. List your school extra curricula activities. Indicate if you had a leadership role.
3. List any community and other activities you were involved in during High School. Indicate if you had a leadership role.
4. What are your career goals? Have you made more than one? Are they compatible with each other and why? How long have you been thinking of this career choice? *Only those pursuing careers in conservation or agriculture qualify for this scholarship. Preference will be given to students pursuing careers in conservation.*
5. What has helped you the most in choosing your potential career?
6. What part-time and summer jobs have you held? Indicate how they have helped in your choice of career. List the position you held, the employer and the location.
7. Do you have personal and business goals for after your formal education? Please elaborate.
8. Why should you be considered for this scholarship?
9. What does soil and water conservation mean to you? *400-600 word essay.*
10. **What role does a Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner play to promote soil and water conservation? Please Note:** Only Applicants from Region 6 - Boone, Dallas, Greene, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Story & Warren Counties - need to answer this question to qualify for the additional \$350 Larry Beeler Memorial Scholarship Fund.*



Conservation Districts of Iowa
Ron Brownlee Memorial Scholarship Fund
Class of 2016



Ron Brownlee

November 29, 1941 – June 18, 2013
Adair County, Iowa

Ron was educated in the Bridgewater and Greenfield area schools. He left home at the age of 15 to live and work with Elmer and Rhea Morgan of rural Greenfield. Ron served in the Army Reserves from 1963-1969. In February 1966, he moved to start farming on his own. On April 3, 1966 Ron was united in marriage to Glenda Faye Lightle in Macedonia, Iowa. They have made their home on the farm in the Orient area for over 47 years.

Ron was a member of the Crest Baptist Church in Creston, Pork Producers, Adair County Soil Conservation, 4-H leader, Adair County Swine Department where he served as co-superintendent, served on the board of Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI), the American Simmental Association and the Adair County Beef Producers.

Ron and Glenda were blessed with two sons, Kevin and Dan and five grandchildren, Katie, Alex, Adam, Alissa and Leah.

Upon Ron's passing, his family donated funds to CDI for a scholarship in his name.

Conservation Districts of Iowa is privileged to offer the ***Ron Brownlee Memorial Scholarship Fund***. The Region 5 Conservation Scholarship Winner will receive an additional \$500 from this Scholarship Fund in memory of Ron Brownlee. This scholarship will only be offered in 2016.