



LaSalle County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Mark Krenz Memorial Scholarship

Dear Applicant:

Mark Krenz was a former officer and board member of the SWCD who showed leadership and determination in this organization as well as in his farming operation. The LaSalle County SWCD has created the Mark Krenz Scholarship Fund to honor his memory. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to assist in the college education of a high school senior or current college student (freshman, sophomore or junior) from LaSalle County who will continue his or her education in agriculture, environmental science, or natural resource management. The \$2,000.00 scholarship will be awarded in April. It is hoped that the recipient of this scholarship will show the same determination and qualities in achieving his or her goals.

The attached application is for the Mark Krenz Memorial Scholarship.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Be a high school senior who will be graduating this spring or a college Freshman, Sophomore or Junior enrolled in an agriculture, environmental science, or natural resource management degree.
- Be a LaSalle County resident.
- Submit a completed application.
- Submit your most current transcript from your high school or college.
- Submit three current letters of recommendation (excluding relatives).

Upon proof of full time enrollment (12 semester hours) and completion, the scholarship award will be paid directly to the college or institution of attendance.

The criteria for awarding the scholarship are as follows:

- Community service
- Demonstrated interest in agriculture, environment, and natural resource conservation.
- Character and personality (maturity, motivation, leadership, intellectual interest).
- Determination

Application and reference letters must be received via email to vicki.heath@il.nacdnet.net by: **March 1, 2024**

Mark Krenz Memorial Scholarship Application

General Information and Academic Information- 5 points

1. Name _____ Date of Birth _____

2. Address _____

3. Email Address _____

4. Phone Number _____

5. School/College _____

6. Expected Date of (HS/College) Graduation _____

7. Submit your most current transcript from your high school or college.

8. Please indicate your intended or actual course of study and the University, College, or Technical School you attend or plan to attend.

Activities- 30 points

1. List the community activities (not directly connected with high school or college) in which you have participated.

2. List the extra-curricular activities in which you have participated in high school or college.

3. Why is this scholarship important to you?

Essay-50 points

Please submit an essay (500 words maximum, neatly written or typed) on “Why you feel agriculture and/or the environment is important and how you and your course of study can make a positive impact on agriculture and/or the environment.”

References- 15 points

Please have the three individuals submitting references send their letter of support to Vicki Heath, via email at vicki.heath@il.nacdnet.net.