

**LaSalle County Soil & Water
Conservation District**

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Mark Krenz Memorial Scholarship

Dear Applicant,

Mark Krenz was a dedicated officer and board member of the LaSalle County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD). He demonstrated leadership, determination, and a strong commitment to conservation and agriculture. To honor his memory, the LaSalle County SWCD established the **Mark Krenz Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

The purpose of this scholarship is to support the college education of a **high school senior or current college student (freshman, sophomore, or junior)** from **LaSalle County** who is pursuing a degree in **agriculture, environmental science, or natural resource management**.

A **\$2,000 scholarship** will be awarded in **late April** to a student who exemplifies determination and the qualities necessary to achieve their goals.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered, applicants must:

- Be a **high school senior graduating this spring OR a college freshman, sophomore, or junior** enrolled in an agriculture, environmental science, or natural resource management program.
- Be a **resident of LaSalle County**.
- Submit a **completed application**.
- Provide your **most current transcript** (high school or college).
- Submit **three current letters of recommendation** (excluding relatives).

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

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on:

- **Community Service**
- **Determination**
- **Interest in agriculture, environment, and natural resource conservation**
- **Character and personality** (maturity, motivation, leadership, intellectual curiosity)

Application Instructions

All application materials, including reference letters, must be submitted **via email** to:

vicki.heath@il.nacdnet.net

Deadline: March 16, 2026

Application Form

General & Academic Information (5 points)

1. Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Address: _____
4. Email Address: _____
5. Phone Number: _____
6. School/College: _____
7. Expected Graduation Date (HS/College): _____
8. Attach your most current transcript.
9. Intended or current course of study and institution:

Activities (30 points) – Attach additional sheet if necessary.

1. List community activities (not directly connected with school or college):

2. List extracurricular activities in high school or college:

3. Why is this scholarship important to you?

Essay (50 points)

Submit a **typed essay (maximum 500 words)** on:

“Why you believe agriculture and/or the environment is important, and how your course of study can make a positive impact on agriculture and/or the environment.”

References (15 points)

Three individuals (excluding relatives) should email letters of recommendation directly to:
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