

The Grace Force / Marion Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship Program

- One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded by the Marion Water Soil and Water Conservation District to an eligible Marion County high school or equivalent school senior student.
- Criteria for student selection:
 - Unweighted GPA
 - Transcripts to date from the guidance office or equivalent record custodian
 - Community service hours to date with verification by the guidance office or equivalent record custodian
 - One Letter of Recommendation
 - Essay (See below for essay requirements)
- A committee from the supervisors elected to the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District will review the applications. Applicants selected by the committee to be interviewed will be notified by telephone.
- **Please write an essay with a minimum of 500 words and no more than 2,000 words on the National Associations of Conservation Districts (NACD) annual topic, Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper.** (The essay should be typed on a separate sheet of paper.) The NACD website states "Soil is a dirty topic, but everyone needs to learn more about it! Soil is the foundation for many of the items we use in our daily life, such as food, clothing, clean water, homes and more. Healthy soil equals healthy food, which equals a healthy you. Don't treat your soil like dirt!"
- The essay will consist of a cover page which will include the title of the essay and the name and telephone number of the writer, the body of the essay, an appendix of citations relating to any comments quoted from any source and a bibliography of the reference materials used by the presenter in researching the topic and writing the essay.
- The committee would prefer the writer use 12-point Century Gothic or similar font with double spacing between the lines.

Failure to follow all of these requirements will result in your not being considered for a scholarship.

Student's Name: _____

Address with zip code: _____

Telephone: _____ Last 4 digits of Social Security #: _____

High School: _____ Birth date: _____

College you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted to this college? Yes ____ No ____

College address with zip code: _____

GPA _____ SAT Score _____ and/or ACT Score _____

Career Goal: _____

Have you applied for any other scholarships? _____ Please list names and amount.

To date, have you received any other scholarship funding? Yes ____ No ____
If so, which scholarship(s) have you received?

Extra- Curricular Activities – Organizations, Clubs, Sports, Band, Chorus, Drama, etc. (please indicate any office held):

Honors and Awards: _____

Community or Other Activities: _____

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit your application, essay, & letter of recommendation by **Friday, March 1st 2019 no later than 4:00 p.m.**

To:

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