

COLORADO CHAPTER

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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The mission of the Colorado Chapter of SWCS is to promote the wise use of soil, water and related resources through scientific, educational, and service-oriented functions. The members promote a stewardship ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and natural resources.

As part of our mission, the SWCS Colorado Chapter is creating an Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Program offering two \$500 scholarships to juniors or seniors in natural resource-related fields attending a four year Colorado college or university. This award is being created to recognize the educational potential of undergraduate students of Colorado planning to complete a bachelor degree in natural resource sciences. The award is also being created to recognize student leadership, consistent academic achievement and outstanding leadership and civic contribution related to natural resources, especially to soil and water conservation.

Each award consists of a certificate and \$500 honorarium. The \$500 award is intended to assist the student in completing his or her degree. The recipients will also be recognized at the SWCS CO Chapter annual workshop meeting. In addition, award recipients will be invited to attend the SWCS CO Chapter Fall Annual Workshop and their registration fees for this workshop will be waived.

Student applications should be emailed to the Chairperson of the Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee no later than March 30. The Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee will make the selection by July 31. The award check will be mailed to the award winners after they provide proof of enrollment for the fall of their junior or senior year. The award check will be mailed to the student on or before August 30.

QUALIFICATIONS

Any Colorado resident enrolled in a four year Colorado college or university pursuing a four year degree in a natural resource-related program is eligible. Students must be entering their junior or senior year the following fall semester.

Examples of natural resource-related programs:

- Agronomy
- Soil Sciences
- Geology
- Forestry

- Wildlife Biology
- Biology
- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture
- Crop Sciences
- Environmental Sciences.
- Environmental Engineering

Other fields of study are subject to approval by the Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee. The SWCS CO Chapter reserves the right to award no scholarships if there are no qualified applicants.

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AWARDS OFFERED PER YEAR

- Two \$500 scholarships to juniors or seniors in natural resource-related fields attending a four-year Colorado college.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a Colorado resident
- Must be enrolled in a four-year Colorado college pursuing a degree in a natural resource-related program
- Must be entering junior or senior year the next fall semester
- To avoid conflict of interest, no member of the Award Committee and/or the SWCS Colorado Chapter Board may apply for this award.

WHERE & HOW TO APPLY

- Completed application packages must be emailed to the SWCS Colorado Chapter Awards Chairperson, Beth Fortman by March 30, 2009. (see address below)
- Be sure to include the following in your application package:
 1. SWCS Colorado Chapter Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award
 2. Copy of college transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
 3. A one-page résumé
 4. Name of reference with phone number and email address
- A short letter of reference (maximum of two pages) should be emailed by a professor or the student's advisor directly to the SWCS Colorado Chapter Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee Chairperson Beth Fortman (elizabeth.fortman@co.usda.gov). The reference letter must have a phone number at which the professor or advisor may be contacted between April 1 and June 30.

Beth Fortman (Chairperson of SWCS Colorado Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee)

1510 Grand Avenue

Canon City, CO 81212-4531

email: elizabeth.fortman@co.usda.gov

Phone: (719) 543-8386 ext. 3

DEADLINES and SCHEDULE

- Deadline to receive application package March 30, 2009.
- SWCS Colorado Chapter Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee will evaluate and rank all student applications by June 30, 2009
- Student(s) will be contacted by July 31, 2009
- Checks mailed out to students (pending proof of enrollment) by August 30, 2009
- If not selected, applicant will receive an email indicating so by July 31, 2009

Ranking Procedures

At least two members of the SWCS Colorado Chapter Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee will rank each applicant.

The following factors will be considered when ranking the applications.

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Student leadership

Why is soil and water conservation important?

Reference

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Instructions for Application

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Checklist for application

1. All application packages should contain the following:
 - a) SWCS Colorado Chapter Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award form
 - b) Copy of college transcript(s) from colleges and universities attended by the student
 - c) One page resume
 - d) Name of one reference with phone number or email address

2. A short letter of reference (maximum of two pages) should be emailed by a professor or the student's advisor directly to the SWCS Colorado Chapter Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee Chairperson Beth Fortman (elizabeth.fortman@co.usda.gov). The reference letter must have a phone number at which the professor or advisor may be contacted between April 1 and June 30.

Chairperson, SWCS Colorado Chapter Undergraduate Student Scholarship Award Committee:
Ms. Beth Fortman

Other Committee Members:
Dr. Jorge A. Delgado