

GAINING OFFICIAL SWCS AFFILIATION

Become an official SWCS student chapter or affiliated partner organization by completing the following steps. Affiliation comes with a host of benefits, including

- Listing on the SWCS website
- Use of the SWCS Student Chapter Logo/Affiliate Logo
- A swag package from SWCS headquarters
- SWCS tools and support
- \$200 reimbursement for meeting/event expenses (must complete the [end-of-year survey](#) and have at least five active SWCS members)

AFFILIATION CHECKLIST

- By November 1:** One member or an advisor must fill out the [primary contact form](#) for your chapter or affiliate club. The person completing this form and co-leaders listed will receive leadership and planning resources from SWCS monthly. We recommend having an advisor fill out the form.
- Optional:** Obtain official student organization standing at your school. Refer to the governance resources to learn more about this process.
- (Optional) After your event:** Send in photos and a brief description of your event to renee.bouldin@swcs.org for a chance to be featured on SWCS social media platforms.
- By May 15:** Take the [end-of-year survey](#) to provide feedback on your year with SWCS. Include basic details of any meetings or events held and your thoughts on the chapter program. Also, provide a primary contact for the next school year.

Organizations that complete the primary contact form by November 1, 2025, will receive official affiliation resources and a swag package. To receive a \$200 reimbursement for meeting/event expenses, groups must also complete the end of year survey (by May 15, 2026), have held an event in the 2025-2026 school year, and have had at least five active SWCS members.

Please note that group affiliation is different from SWCS membership. To access full SWCS member benefits, including scholarships and Journal of Soil and Water Conservation access, [become an SWCS member](#). Start your journey with SWCS today!

STUDENT CHAPTERS VS. AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

	What It Means	Why Choose This Path
Start an Official SWCS Student Chapter	Form a recognized campus chapter dedicated to soil and water conservation.	Build leadership skills, create your own governance structure, and lead conservation-focused events and initiatives.
Affiliate Your Existing Club with SWCS	Add SWCS benefits to your current student organization (e.g., environmental club, ag club).	Keep your group's identity while gaining access to SWCS resources, opportunities, and a national conservation network.

SWCS MEMBERSHIP

SWCS student membership connects you to a national community of conservationists, career resources, scholarships, and leadership opportunities. You'll gain access to events, funding support, and tools to grow your impact on campus and beyond.

Learn more and join today: swcs.org/join
Explore student resources: swcs.org/students