



**KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**
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SERVING KENTUCKY'S 121 SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

MEMORANDUM

TO: College Directors of Student Relations
Conservation Districts
KACD Auxiliary Members

FROM: Lisa Mullins, President
KACD Auxiliary

DATE: January 29, 2026

SUBJECT: State Soil Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship - Betty Barrick / Non-Traditional Students

The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Auxiliary is excited to announce a new scholarship for non-traditional college students. This scholarship will be awarded to any student that is at least 25 years old and pursuing an undergraduate degree in agriculture or related natural resources field. The scholarship of \$2,000.00 will be presented at the annual state convention of KACD.

Individuals recommended should be qualified young men and women that are interested in agriculture and natural resource fields. Citizenship in one's community is an important factor in the selection process in the scholarship program. Conservation districts, Auxiliary members and college counselors are encouraged to make students aware of this scholarship.

Applications are available at the local conservation district office in your county. It is required that the applicants submit the following information:

- (1) **Two letters of recommendation,**
- (2) **Most recent transcript, and.**
- (3) **Completion of a comprehensive essay.**

Attached is more information relating to the scholarship application.

The KACD Auxiliary has helped to send numerous young people to the school of their choice with the three scholarships to students interested in careers in agriculture. Educating our youth for tomorrow will be beneficial to all those concerned with the wise use and management of our natural resources. Hopefully, this new scholarship will help an individual complete their dreams to finish their degree and pursue their professional career. Thank you for your interest and support.

Attachments

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Rules and Instructions
Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship
For Betty Barrick / Non-Traditional Students

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00 Annual Scholarship.

Source of Funds: Proceeds from KACD Auxiliary money-making projects, contributions, or gifts from memorials.

Eligibility: Applicants must be at least 25 years old and pursuing an under-graduate degree in agriculture or related natural resources field. An applicant will be eligible for one scholarship only.

Application forms will be made available to all eligible students, including family members of conservation district supervisors or employees, Natural Resources Conservation Services employees, and Kentucky Division of Conservation employees.

Instructions:

1. Eligible students may obtain an application from their local conservation district.
2. Each application must be entirely completed. The attachments required are as follows:
 - Copies of applicants' high school transcripts and any college transcripts.
 - Two original, current letters of recommendation.
 - Applicant's Comprehensive Essay as stated in Section V. of the Scholarship Application.

The essay should reflect the applicant's true thoughts and opinions and not be rambling sentences written to fill space. The essays are very important to the judges in making their final decisions.

3. The completed applications along with required attachments are to be submitted to the applicant's local conservation district. **All applications must be signed by the local conservation district to be eligible for consideration by the judging committee. Failure to follow all instructions could result in disqualification of your application.**
4. The conservation district personnel responsible for collecting applications shall sign the second page of the applications in the designated space and then forward all materials to **Lisa Mullins, Webster County Conservation District, 555 State Route 1340, Dixon, KY 42409.**
5. All applications must be postmarked no later than **March 2, 2026.**

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Mullins at lisa.mullins@kyconservation.com or by 270-639-5763 ext. 8012.

APPLICATION
Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship Program
For Betty Barrick / Non-Traditional College Students
Sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name:	Last Name:
Social Security Number:	Phone Number:
Applicants' Mailing Address:	
County of Residence:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

II. FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Parents or Guardians:
Mailing Address (if different than above):

III. STUDENT CERTIFICATION

Name of College Currently Attending or That You Plan to Attend as well as <u>address</u> :	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Major:	Current GPA:
High School Attended:	Year Graduated:
Other financial aid being received or applied for (grants, scholarships, work study, etc.):	
Desired Profession (Ag. Producer, Soil Conservationist, Forester, Etc.):	

IV. LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (List of all school/community organizations you have been involved with and any offices held; or pertinent extracurricular activities or jobs.)

Clubs/Organization/Honors	Office Held/Position	Calendar Year
Involvement in Community/Employment		

V. WHAT ENCOURAGED YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS?

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VI. COMPREHENSIVE ESSAY (200-300 Words)

On separate paper, describe, "How my Chosen Profession will Contribute to Saving Kentucky's Dwindling Family Farms."

Attach essay to this application along with a copy of applicant's high school transcript, current college transcript, and two letters of recommendation then return to local conservation district. If additional space is required for activities, you may attach additional pages.

*** Rules for this scholarship program and instructions for completing this application are attached. Failure to follow all instructions could result in disqualification of your application.**

Signature - Applicant

Date

Signature - Local Conservation District Office

Date