



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

MEMORANDUM

TO: High School Counselors (District please distribute to those school systems)
College Directors of Student Relations
Conservation Districts
Auxiliary Members

FROM: Lisa Mullins,
President KACD Auxiliary

DATE: January 29, 2026

SUBJECT: George Crafton Memorial Scholarship

The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Auxiliary is proud to announce once again the George Crafton Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to any high school senior that is enrolled to attend college and intends to major in the field of agriculture or conservation of natural resources. 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 high school and college counselors are encouraged to make students aware of this scholarship. This scholarship is becoming sought after among many high school graduates across the state because selected students in the past have proven worthy of such an honor in their field.

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.

This scholarship is a memorial to Mr. George Crafton. Mr. Crafton was involved for many years with the soil conservation program on the district, state, and national levels. He was always interested in new and better practices and promoting conservation through education. Mr. Crafton was enthusiastic about young people concerned and willing to work to preserve, protect and improve our environment. The intent of this scholarship is to assist a young individual who shares Mr. Crafton's concerns and dreams.

Attachments

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Rules and Instructions

For Applying for the George Crafton Memorial Scholarship

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 high school seniors studying agriculture, between graduation and entering college. Students wishing to major in the fields of conservation of natural resources will be favored. Applicants must be enrolled in college at the time the scholarship is presented. 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:
 - Copy of applicant's complete high school transcript.
 - 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 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, 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 270-639-5763 ext. 8012.

APPLICATION George Crafton Memorial Scholarship Program For High School Seniors 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 High School:	School's Mailing Address:
Current GPA:	ACT/SAT Scores:
Class Ranking: This Applicant's class rank is number _____ in senior class of _____ students.	
Full name of college planning to attend in the fall along with <u>address</u> :	
Intended Major or Field of Study:	
Other financial aid being applied for or receiving (grants, scholarships, work study, 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. COMPREHENSIVE ESSAY (200-300 Words)

On separate paper, describe, "What I Foresee as the Future of Agriculture and the Important Issues Facing this Industry."

Attach essay to this application along with a copy of applicant's complete high school 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