



## Bryan E. Johnson Memorial Conservation Scholarships

### Criteria and Eligibility:

A \$1,000 is available in scholarships to conservation-minded Spartanburg County students who plan to pursue undergraduate studies related to natural resource conservation, sustainable agriculture, or the environment at a college, university, or technical school in South Carolina. The scholarships will be paid to the student's academic institution upon admission.

- Applicants must be Spartanburg County residents OR attend school in Spartanburg County
- Applicants must be high school seniors in the year in which they apply.
- Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in natural resources, conservation, sustainable agriculture, and/or the environment and plan to pursue a related career.
- Interested applicants should submit the application form below, a letter of recommendation, a high school transcript, and a personal essay of at least 500 but no more than 1,000 words (described below).
- Applications must be postmarked or received electronically by February 1.

### Basic Student Information:

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

High school: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College plans (school and major): \_\_\_\_\_

Awards and honors: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, community involvement, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personal Essay (500-1,000 words; please respond on a separate page):**

This is your opportunity to describe your passion for conservation, showcase your involvement in conservation and natural resource activities, and discuss your future career plans. How did you become interested in conservation? What does conservation, ecology, or resource management mean to you? What clubs, events or hobbies are you engaged in that demonstrate your interest in conservation? How do you plan to pursue your passion for conservation, natural resources, sustainable agriculture, and/or the environment in college and beyond? What environmental problems have you worked to remedy in the past, or what issues do you hope to address in your future career?

You can use these questions to frame your essay, or think of your own topics. Be sure to address:

- Your interest in conservation, natural resources, sustainable agriculture, and/or the environment.
- Your experiences with conservation/natural resources in high school – e.g., did you join the school ecology club? Participate in Envirothon? Call your government officials about environmental concerns? Do you spend time camping, hunting, hiking, fishing, gardening, farming, etc.?
- Your academic and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

**Application must include:**

1. Basic Student Information (Page 1)
2. Personal Essay (described above)
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or community member who is familiar with your academic achievements, community involvement, and commitment to natural resources and conservation.
4. A copy of your most recent high school transcript.

**Send application, essay, letter of recommendation, and transcript to:**



**Spartanburg Soil and Water Conservation District**  
105 Corporate Dr Suite G  
Spartanburg, SC 29303  
864-345-6787  
SpartanburgSWCD@yahoo.com

***Application packets must be postmarked or submitted electronically by February 1. Questions? You may call or send email to Beth Button through the phone or email listed above.***