



**Freehold Soil
Conservation District**
Serving Monmouth and Middlesex Counties

William T. Schauer Conservation Scholarship Announcement

The objective of the scholarship is to acknowledge students for their academic and personal accomplishments in the field of conservation and/or natural resources.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

1. Be a resident of Monmouth County or Middlesex County
2. Be a full-time student in good standing attending any New Jersey accredited university/college, or any accredited out-of-state university/college; and
3. Entering junior or senior year of college in fall of 2026; and
4. Majoring in a field related to the conservation of our natural resources including, but not limited to: agriculture, conservation studies, environmental education, environmental science, forestry, geology, landscape design, resource management, soil science, etc.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

A **\$2,500** Scholarship will be awarded in memory of William T. Schauer.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 1, 2026

HOW TO APPLY:

Mail or email the completed application form, the current university/college transcript, a list of clubs and/or organizations related to conservation and natural resources, a one-page essay titled, "Why I Should be Awarded a Natural Resource Conservation Scholarship", a list of experiences related to conservation and/or natural resources, and a list of two references with complete contact information to the address below:

Freehold Soil Conservation District
ATTN: Paul Califano, Assistant District Manager
4000 Kozloski Road, Suite 5
PO Box 5033
Freehold, NJ 07728
or via email to: info@freeholdscd.org

The application must be postmarked by June 1, 2026.

William T. Schauer Conservation Scholarship Application Form
Freehold Soil Conservation District

Date: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
e-mail: _____

University/College Presently Attending

Name: _____
Address: _____
College Major: _____
Number of Semesters Completed To Date: _____

List university/college credit courses you have taken that relate to conservation or natural resources:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Grade</i>
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The Freehold Soil Conservation District (FSCD) is a special-purpose subdivision of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture dedicated to the conservation and responsible management of natural resources. Serving Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, the District provides leadership, administers regulatory programs and assists residents, developers and local governments in protection soil and water resources.

At its core, the FSCD focuses on resource conservation, working to safeguard topsoil and maintain water quality in compliance with New Jersey state laws. Through the implementation of erosion and sediment control standards, the District helps minimize environmental impacts from land development and promotes sustainable land-use practices.

The District also emphasizes environmental leadership by offering technical expertise and guidance to support conservation initiatives. Its role extends beyond regulation to include collaboration with public and private stakeholders to encourage long-term environmental stewardship.

A key component of FSCD's mission is education and outreach. The District provide free educational programs for students, residents and community groups, raising awareness about soil preservation, water quality and wildlife habitat.

In addition, the FSCD builds strong partnerships with local, state and federal agencies to implement conservation projects, including habitat restoration and watershed protection efforts, Through these collaborations, the District helps ensure the sustainable use and preservation of natural resources for future generations.