



Horry County Solid Waste Authority

PO Box 1664, Conway, SC 29528-1664

2011-2012 Environmental Scholarship Application

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Every year, the Horry County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) awards one graduating high school senior from each high school a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to encourage students pursuing a degree related to the environment, which supports SWA's mission of Protecting Tomorrow's Environment Today. To ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible, please read and follow these procedures and requirements as written:

Procedures

All applicants must:

- Complete the application and answer the essay personally.
- Enclose only the items requested in the requirements.
- Include on each attachment the applicant's name and address.
- Submit all attachments with the application form to ensure that all items are available for review at the same time.
- Send completed application to: Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Attn: Public Education, P.O. Box 1664, Conway, SC 29528-1664. *Faxes or emails will not be accepted.*
- **Deadline:** Be advised that only those applications postmarked on or before **March 1, 2012** will be considered.
- Be advised that applications become the property of the Horry County Solid Waste Authority and will not be returned to the applicant.
- Please understand that submitting this application is in no way a guarantee that a scholarship will be granted.
- The SWA Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior, attending a public school in Horry County.
2. Resident of Horry County (for at least one year).
3. Pursuing a degree related to the environment, public education, waste management or health promotions field.
4. Enrolled as a fulltime student for Fall 2012. (Documentation of acceptance into a higher education institution is required, at time of grant issuance).
5. Submit application that is postmarked on or before March 1, 2012. Late applications will not be considered. Please use sufficient postage.
6. Provide a transcript of high school grades covering a minimum of six semesters. (The transcript need not be "official" and may be a photocopy.)
7. Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
8. Provide one signed letter of recommendation from a mentor, teacher, civic leader or church leader who knows the applicant personally. (Endorsements from parents will not be accepted)

College Plans

In order of preference, list at least two college/ universities to which you have applied or plan to apply.

College/ University:

List your planned field of interest and what you plan to do when you graduate from college/ university?

Environmental Essay

Please answer the following question in your own words. Please type the essay in at least 500 words on a separate sheet.

If you could be on TV for five minutes and say something about reuse, recycling and/or environmental protection to all leaders and citizens of the United States, what would you say?

School Transcripts

Please attach your high school transcripts to this application covering a minimum of six semesters. (The transcript need not be "official" and may be a photocopy.)

Letter of Recommendation

Please attach one signed letter of recommendation from a mentor, teacher, civic leader or church leader who knows the applicant personally. (Endorsements from parents will not be accepted).

Signature

I hereby authorize the Horry County Solid Waste Authority scholarship selection committee to request and obtain any further information it deems necessary. By signing below, I confirm that all information and statements on this form are true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I have read this application and it has my approval.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date

Scholarship Recipient Volunteering

If you are selected as the scholarship recipient, you will be asked to volunteer at one Horry County Solid Waste Authority Public Education event, such as a recycling presentation or special event. Volunteer responsibilities may include encouraging recycling with the public, handing out brochures and or help make a recycled craft from a Horry County Solid Waste Authority table or booth.

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority does not discriminate based on sex, race, ethnic background, disability or religion.