



2011
Richland County Farm-City Week:
Senior Scholarship Application
Sustainable Agriculture

Sponsored by the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District

One senior from Richland County will be chosen to receive the \$500 Farm-City Week Scholarship. Seniors must plan to major in an agriculture- or conservation-related field at a college, university, or technical school in the United States. The scholarship will be paid to the student's college, university, or technical school upon admission.

Application packets (including this form and the attached letter of recommendation, biographical statement, and sustainable agriculture essay) must be received or postmarked by October 28th and should be submitted via fax, mail, e-mail, or hand-delivery to:

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Student's Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Alternate Phone Number:

High School:

GPA:

College Plans (School and Major):

Letter of Recommendation: Attach one letter of recommendation from a school faculty member or administrator.

Biographical Statement: Attach a one-page biographical statement that introduces yourself; explains why you are interested in agriculture and/or conservation; and describes your volunteer, work, and/or extracurricular activities.

Sustainable Agriculture Essay: Attach an essay of no more than three pages that treats one of the following topics.

1. Imagine you are an organic farmer in Richland County. Describe a typical day in your life documenting any actions related to sustainable agriculture.
2. As the Senator representing Richland County in the SC General Assembly, write a bill to encourage, promote, and/or support sustainable agriculture in South Carolina.
3. As an agricultural economist or farm business manager, explain the costs and benefits associated with implementing sustainable agriculture practices in Richland County, or with implementing a specific sustainable agriculture practice on your farm.
4. Congratulations! You just graduated from college with a degree in agricultural engineering or a field of agricultural science concerned with soils, animal science, pest management or crop production. Describe the sustainable agriculture practices and techniques you will be working on in the next five years.