

# 2025 John F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund Application

## ***Purpose...***

The John F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund is established to provide financial assistance to students seeking to enter college and pursue a course of study in a natural resource field in the memory of John F. Wilson.

John F. Wilson served as the first District Conservationist for the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District after being established in 1949. John dedicated twenty-eight years of his life to assisting the agricultural and urban communities with their conservation needs until his retirement in 1978.

## ***Scholarship Awards...***

The Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District will annually award a \$500 scholarship to high school graduates pursuing or college students majoring in a natural resource field. Scholarships are for one year. Candidates will be evaluated on academic achievement, involvement in community activities and course of study.

## ***Evaluation...***

Evaluation of applicants will be based on:

1. Academic performance
2. Organizational participation and leadership potential
3. Community Service
4. Financial plans and resources
5. Completeness of application
6. Natural resource course of study



**Established October 1997**

**By the Ashtabula Soil and  
Water  
Conservation District and the  
John F. Wilson Family**

**To  
Promote the philosophy of  
natural  
resource management and  
positive stewardship toward  
our  
Environment into the future.**

# Scholarship Application

In order to qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must follow all instructions completely.

Application for one (1) year beginning August, 2025

Name in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Phone

Include the following with the application:

Applicant's Signature:

- **A resume that includes:**

- Work experience
- Community Services
- School Activities

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- **A cover letter addressing the following points:**

- Career plans
- Future educational objectives
- Why you are interested in natural resources.
- Current college financing plans

- **An official transcript of grades**

- **A letter of recommendation from high school, college or university advisor or instructor**

***Applications must be received or post marked by April 18, 2025***

### Eligibility...

Scholarship Applicants must:

1. Be a resident of Ashtabula County, State of Ohio.
2. Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.00 or better. College applicants must be maintaining 3.00 grade point average.
3. Plan to major or currently be enrolled in a college, university or technical school which grants two or four year degrees in a natural resource course of study.
4. Be able to explain current college financing and financial need.

Please send this application form, resume, a letter of recommendation and your official transcripts to:

John F. Wilson Scholarship Fund  
c/o Ashtabula Soil & Water Conservation District  
39 Wall Street  
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

If you prefer a paperless route, please email materials to:  
ashtabulaswcd@gmail.com