

When is the Deadline for Application?

Applications will be accepted until **March 1st** for opportunities that take place in the following fiscal year (April of the same year through March of the next year).

How Do I Apply?

Interested students should send a letter of application that tells about themselves, describes the event they have chosen, why they wish to attend the event and how the activity fits the goals of the scholarship program. A brochure or other publication about the event they wish to attend must also be included with the application. Application packets should be sent to:

McHenry County Conservation District
Prairieview Education Center
Carl J. Mitchell Scholarship
2112 Behan Rd.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

For more information, please contact the MCCD Prairieview Education Center at 815-479-5779.

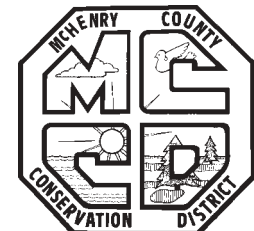
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Carl J. Mitchell Memorial Conservation Scholarship



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Scholarship History

Established in 1980, the Carl J. Mitchell Scholarship is an endowed scholarship fund managed by the McHenry County Conservation District. Carl J. Mitchell was a McHenry County resident who developed important new techniques in plant hybridization during his career. Upon his death, his family and friends set up the Carl J. Mitchell Memorial Conservation Scholarship to encourage young people in McHenry County to consider careers in environmental specializations.

Am I Eligible to Apply?

Any McHenry County high school student interested in exploring professions in conservation is eligible to apply. Priority will be given to those students who have not previously received a scholarship.

What Sort of Programs Might Qualify?

This scholarship is **not intended** for the funding of college tuition or fees. Scholarships distributed through this fund enable high school students to attend

environmental workshops, camps, career seminars and other activities that will help them explore potential careers in conservation. Past scholarship recipients have attended events such as *Sea Base*, a high adventure Boy Scout camp studying the Florida Keys ecosystem; a weeklong aquatic careers program at Wisconsin's Northland College assisting professional environmental researchers; and activities conducted by the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Minnesota.

How Much Will the Scholarship Cover?

MCCD will reimburse the selected applicants up to 100% of the program registration cost after conditions of the scholarship have been met. The exact amount will be determined by the cost of the program, relative strength of the application, the number of successful candidates in the same fiscal year and/or the total funds available for disbursement.

For the selected applicants, any approved reimbursement will be processed upon completion of the activity and presentation of a written and/or verbal report about the activity to the MCCD Board of Trustees.

How Are Applicants Selected?

Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to:

- ✿ Student's history of volunteerism
- ✿ Participation in extracurricular activities
- ✿ Potential of the program to provide the student with meaningful exposure to environmental careers and/or content
- ✿ Student's history of scholarship awards

MCCD staff will evaluate each application on its own merit, as opposed to a competitive process. Recommendations will then be forwarded to the MCCD Board of Trustees for consideration at their March public meeting. Following the Board meeting, candidates will be notified of the status of their application.

"The Carl Mitchell scholarship allowed me to go on my first outdoor adventure experience. That little push out the door is what has guided my life and led me to a fun and rewarding career in outdoor education."

~ **Charlie Freund**

Carl J. Mitchell Memorial Conservation
Scholarship Recipient