

Elgin County/Kettle Creek Agricultural Conservation Scholarship



Kettle Creek
Conservation Authority

Application Form

Part 1: Scholarship Criteria

The Elgin County/Kettle Creek Agricultural Conservation Scholarship is awarded annually to an Elgin County or Kettle Creek watershed resident, between the ages of 17 - 30 who are entering or currently pursuing agriculturally-related studies with an emphasis on compatibility with the natural environment at a post-secondary institution.

The scholarship selection committee is comprised of the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Chair/or designate; the Elgin County Federation of Agriculture President/or designate, and an Elgin County Junior Farmers Alumni designate. Applications are judged based on the following criteria:

- student from Elgin County or the Kettle Creek watershed;
- demonstrated interest in agriculture, environment and/or conservation;
- demonstrated leadership and community involvement;
- satisfactory academic achievement, and
- demonstrated financial need.

Applications with all supporting documents must be submitted by August 31.

By mail:

Elgin County/Kettle Creek
Agricultural Conservation Scholarship
c/o Kettle Creek Conservation Trust
44015 Ferguson Line
St. Thomas, ON N5P 3T3

By fax or e-mail:

Fax: (519) 631-5026
e-mail: marianne@kettlecreekconservation.on.ca

Part 2: Applicant Information

NAME OF APPLICANT:	
HOME ADDRESS:	
CITY:	
POSTAL CODE:	
HOME TELEPHONE:	ALTERNATE NUMBER:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION*:	
YEAR:	
PROGRAM:	FULL TIME: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3: Written Submission

In 500 words or less prepare an essay on the topic, "Agriculture and its Positive Compatibility with the Environment." The essay should illustrate how a farm operation (farms in general or an example of a particular farm) is using best management practices to limit its environmental footprint. Examples should be provided to show how farms can achieve the balance of operating a farm business without negatively impacting the environment.

Part 4: Description of Activities

The scholarship committee is seeking a well-rounded individual, not necessarily the applicant with the highest academic achievement. Please attach a letter addressed to the selection committee describing why you are a deserving applicant for this award. You may wish to include work or volunteer experience that is relevant to agriculture and its compatibility to the natural environment.

Part 5: Supporting Documentation

If you feel other materials, such as photographs, academic records, or letters of support would improve your application, please list these items below and attach them to your application.

Item 1:	
Item 2:	
Item 3:	
Item 4:	
Item 5:	
Item 6:	

Part 6: Submission

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this submission is accurate and complete. I also agree to allow Kettle Creek Environment Trust use this information for the purpose of selecting a scholarship winner. Personal information supplied will be kept confidential after the review and award process has been completed, unless otherwise agreed to by all parties.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

The deadline for submissions is August 31.

Part 7: Administration/History of the Scholarship

The Elgin County/Kettle Creek Agricultural Conservation Scholarship was initiated by Elgin County Junior Farmers Alumni, Elgin Federation of Agriculture and the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority in 2008. The scholarship is administered by the Kettle Creek Environment Trust, which provides funders with a lasting legacy by ensuring funds are held in perpetuity for their original purpose.

Each year the Elgin County/Kettle Creek Agricultural Conservation Scholarship will award \$500 or 75% of the annual interest of the fund, whichever is greater, to a deserving student that best meets the criteria outlined in this application. The scholarship selection committee makes a decision in September of each year. The award is formally presented to the successful applicant in February of each year at the Elgin Federation of Agriculture Banquet. If there is no suitable applicant in any given year an award is not made.

