



2025 Students Making an Environmental Difference Official Scholarship Application Deadline: Friday, April 4, 2025, at 3:00pm

The Southeastern Indiana Recycling District (SEIRD) is pleased to announce their **2025 Students Making an Environmental Difference** scholarship for graduating High School seniors in their district. Pending adequate submissions, multiple award winners may be selected from the entries received from: Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, and Switzerland County High Schools. The minimum individual scholarship will be \$500 with a combined total not to exceed \$7,000.

To apply, applicants MUST BE NOMINATED by a staff member involved with their High School recycling program or having knowledge of a student's participation in a community recycling effort. Preferred applicants will be pursuing a career in an environmental field to be eligible for a SEIRD scholarship. Each High School may have multiple nominees. We are looking to assist those students that have given their time and efforts towards making their school or community more environmentally responsible.

Nominated applicants must complete and submit the attached 2025 "Official Scholarship Application" form along with the following:

1. A 500–word essay that specifically addresses the following:
 - a. How would you encourage more people in your community to recycle?
 - b. How have you promoted recycling efforts in your area/school?
 - c. How does your career path focus on improving the environment?
2. **ONE personalized** letter of recommendation from the staff member that nominated them
3. A transcript of the applicant's grades

Winners will be announced by a SEIRD representative prior to the students' Senior Day awards program. Awardees may be photographed for promotional purposes and have their information submitted to a local paper. A senior picture may be requested as well.

The Scholarship monetary awards will be sent directly to the students. All winners will be issued a packet that includes a list of documentation required for SEIRD to issue a check to the selected students. This information must be received at the SEIRD office by November 7, 2025, or Scholarship may be forfeited.

Additional information or questions can be obtained by contacting SEIRD at:

800-997-4793 or 812-574-4080.

Applications are required to be emailed.



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Name _____

Street Address / PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

High School _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Best Phone Contact Number _____

Email address _____

Intended College / University / Trade School (Please include City & State):

Intended Major _____

Checklist of included documents:

Application Essay Letter of Recommendation Transcript

Applications should be emailed to: christy@seird.org

Place "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

All applications must be received by 3:00pm on April 4, 2025.

It is the responsibility of the applicant and not of SEIRD to confirm that a submission has been received.