**Oregon Society of Soil Scientists**

**Call for Scholarship Applications**

In an effort to foster interest in soil science, the Oregon Society of Soil Scientists is establishing a scholarship fund. Recipient(s) will receive $500 to $1,000 scholarship to cover education-related expenses. Additionally, the recipient will be invited to attend the 2024 Winter meeting to connect with soil scientists in Oregon.

**Applicant Criteria and Required Materials**

* Attending a college or university in Oregon, or will be attending in Fall 2023
* Pursuing studies in soil-related discipline at the college or university level.

Students studying related disciplines invited to apply if applicant relates studies to soil in essay.

* Minimum 3.0 overall GPA
* Unofficial transcripts (high school transcripts if high school student or 1st year college student, otherwise, college transcripts only)
* 500 – 1,000 word essay on soil (you may choose to address topics separately or together)
  + Significance and importance of soil
  + One of the following topics:

a) Goals for career objectives relating to soil

b) Personal interest in studying or advocating for soil

**Applicant deadline:** Please submit all materials, including this application form and the essay by September 1st, 2023 by 5PM PST.

Recipient(s) will be notified by September 15, 2023.

**Send application materials via e-mail (preferred) or via regular mail to:**

[**osss.scholarships@gmail.com**](mailto:osss.scholarships@gmail.com)

**Materials sent by mail should be received in OSSS P.O. box by deadline.**

Mailing address:

ATTN: OSSS Scholarship Committee

OREGON SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENTISTS

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For questions about application process, contact: [osss.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:osss.scholarships@gmail.com)

Visit us at <https://www.oregonsoils.org>

**Notice of Non-discrimination:**

Oregon Society of Soil Scientists does not discriminate on the basis of any applicable protected classification including, but not limited to, race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in scholarship recipient selection process. All individuals with a passion for soil science are welcome and invited to apply.

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**Oregon Society of Soil Scientists**

**Scholarship Application**

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**Education:** Current education level (check one):

**□** High school senior **□** Undergraduate (list year) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **□** Graduate (list year) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**□** Post-baccalaureate (list year): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **□** Other (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ College GPA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

University name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

University address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Financial aid office phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all statements and materials provided in this application are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and made in good faith.

Applicant name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In a separate document, please write a 500-1,000 word essay addressing the following items and submit with your application. Include your name in the file name, but please do not put your name written in the document to maintain anonymity in the application review process.**

* + Significance and importance of soil
  + Experience with soil-related volunteer project
  + If you choose to share, describe how a scholarship from OSSS would help you
  + One or both of the following topics:

a) Goals/career objectives relating to soil

b) Personal interest in studying or advocating for soil