



Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority

2026 David T. Terrill Environmental Stewardship Scholarship Fund

Background

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA) has strived to meet the solid waste disposal needs of Bradford, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties, Pennsylvania, since 1973. This has been accomplished by operating an integrated solid waste management system. This system is accompanied with an educational program geared to encourage residents, of our service area, to manage refuse wisely and to participate in local recycling, composting, and household hazardous waste programs. As part of this educational program, NTSWA would like to encourage and support individuals furthering their education in an environmental field. This support shall be in the form of a scholarship.

Scholarship Awards

NTSWA awards three scholarships annually, one each in Bradford, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties, Pennsylvania. Each award can be any amount up to or exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) if deemed appropriate by the Authority's Board of Directors. The award will be made payable directly to the award recipient's institution of higher education in the second semester of study. NTSWA reserves the right to withhold an award due to the lack of eligible participants for one or all of the three counties affected. NTSWA reserves the right to make additional awards during the approval process. NTSWA also reserves the right to withhold an award in the event that the recipient does not successfully complete the first semester of higher education.

Eligibility

The applicant must meet the following criteria to be considered eligible for the NTSWA Scholarship:

1. The applicant must be a high school senior that is a resident of Bradford, Sullivan, or Tioga County, Pennsylvania or a high school senior that does not live within those limits but attends a school within those limits.
2. The applicant must provide documentation of acceptance at an institution of higher education (junior college, four year college or a university) in a field related to the environment (i.e. biology, chemistry, environmental science, meteorology, etc.) or waste management. If awarded the scholarship, the recipient must provide documentation of completion of their first semester and registration of a second semester. The award cannot be distributed until such information is provided.

***NTSWA does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race or ethnic background.

Application Process

The applicant must complete the application form provided by NTSWA and attach the required documentation. The applicant must also complete an essay on a topic related to the solid waste management field. This essay must be at least four (4) pages, double spaced, and include a separate works cited page. All applications must be received by or post marked by **April 5th** of each year. Submit applications to: Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority, 108 Steam Hollow Road, Troy, PA 16947 Attention: Leigh Twoey.

Review Process

The scholarship applications will be reviewed by NTSWA staff and/or Board of Directors. The applicant from each county, with the highest score, will be awarded the scholarship for use toward their higher education.

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria shall be as follows:

Criteria	Scale	Examples
1. Academics	40%	Grade Point Average SAT Scores Academic Awards\Honors
2. Essay	40%	Use of Words Grammar\Spelling Neatness Content\Relative Topic
3. Environmental Dedication	10%	Environmental Courses Special Environmental Projects Future Environmental Plans
4. Extracurricular Activities	5%	Athletics Student Org.'s\ Offices Held Civic or Religious Groups Employment
5. Completeness of Application	5%	Test Score Availability Completeness of Info. Letter of Acceptance

Essay Criteria

The essay topic must be related to the management of solid waste. Suggested topics may include, but are not limited to:

recycling	composting	e-waste/household hazardous waste	landfill design
landfill leachate	landfill gas	incineration	resources recovery
waste reduction	waste hauling	renewable resources	alternative energy sources

The essay must be at least four (4) double spaces pages and word processed.

The content of the essay may include a new technique, idea, or design involving solid waste management. It may also include the applicant's view of the topic. (i.e. Where it is going in the future? Why it has progressed a certain way? etc.)

The topic must be relatively focused, not encompassing the broad field of solid waste management. It must also include a separate works cited page.

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world”

- Mahatma Gandhi



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2026 Application Form

Applicant Information			
1. Applicant's Full Name:			
2. Address:			
3. Phone:			
4. Current Age:			
5. Parent(s) or Legal Guardian:			
6. Student and/or Parents email:			
High School Information			
7. High School Attended:			
8. Address:			
9. Phone:			
10. Guidance Counselor:			
11. Expected Graduation Date:			
12. Applicant Grade Point Average: (attach transcripts)			
13. SAT\PSAT Scores: (attach test results)			
Academic Awards or Honors *			
Award	Date of Award	Award Official	Brief Description of Award

Special Environmental Projects *

Project	Project Coordinator\Advisor

Environmental Courses Completed *

Course	Brief Description

Extracurricular Activities *

Activity	Yrs	Advisor

Future Plans

Why are you entering an environmental field? Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

College or University You Are Planning To Attend

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If not currently accepted, submit the institutions to which you have applied.

NTSWA must receive a copy of an acceptance letter before the scholarship can be awarded.

Recent Photo

Email a recent picture of yourself to Ltwoey@NTSWA.org If your application is chosen for an award, this will be used for publicity purposes. A photo can also be attached to this application.

***Attach separate sheets as necessary**