



OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Mike Thralls Memorial Scholarship

The Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts is proud to announce that applications are now being accepted for the “Mike Thralls Memorial Scholarship.” Thralls was an unwavering steward of the land who loved Oklahoma and was committed to preserving her natural resources. Thralls was a graduate of Oklahoma State University who went on to serve as Oklahoma Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. In his memory, OACD will be awarding two \$500 scholarships in April 2025.

Eligibility :

In order to be awarded a scholarship, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A) Current high school senior in Oklahoma that will be pursuing a degree in agriculture or natural resources at Oklahoma State University.
- B) Currently enrolled at Oklahoma State University in the College of Agriculture or Natural Resources; and be a graduate of an Oklahoma high school.

Preferred Criteria:

In the spirit of Mike Thralls, applicants that are involved in 4-H, FFA, farming and / or ranching and have expressed an interest in conservation are encouraged to apply. Applicants should exhibit outstanding character, professionalism and a commitment to serve their community.

Application Process:

Applicants should submit a 500 word essay on a conservation subject of their choice along with their full name, address, telephone number, email address and a copy of their most recent high school or college transcripts to OACD no later than January 31, 2025.

Applications can be mailed to : amandadfitzgerald@okconservation.org

Award Notification:

The scholarship will be announced April, 2025. Scholarship winners will be notified via email or telephone. If possible, awards will be presented in person at the Oklahoma State Capitol. All funds will be paid directly to Oklahoma State University.