



2026 Norma Bainbridge Memorial Scholarship

Attached is the application for the Norma Bainbridge Memorial Scholarship administered by the Decatur County Solid Waste District.

The Norma Bainbridge Memorial Scholarship is a fitting tribute to the late Norma Bainbridge. Norma worked endlessly and selflessly on behalf of Decatur County. Norma was an inspiration to so many during her life. She was a source of strength to her family and friends. Even at 80, she was still going strong both at work and at home. Her knowledge and wisdom, which was learned first-hand, was generously shared with the community. Norma had a wonderful sense of humor, seldom complained, never gave up doing what she felt was her duty, and was always caring and compassionate with everyone. Norma gave her all to our community, but most importantly to the formation of the Decatur County Solid Waste District. Recycling collection in our county was all made possible because of her hard work and determination.

Norma was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. On behalf of the Decatur County Solid Waste District, we have established the Norma Bainbridge Memorial Scholarship in her memory. The chosen recipient should demonstrate a commitment and passion to making a difference in our community and our world. The chosen scholarship recipient from each school will receive a \$500.00 check to use towards college expenses.

CRITERIA: Applicants must be a current high school senior from North Decatur, South Decatur, or Greensburg High School planning on attending or already accepted into an accredited post-secondary educational institution in pursuit of an associate's degree or bachelor's degree.

The scholarship recipient will be selected from among applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Community involvement
- Evidence of academic capability and motivation
- Answering completely the essay question: "What impact does Recycling have on the future of our community?"

The deadline for submitting completed applications with essay and recommendation letter to Decatur County Recycling District office is **Friday, April 24th**.



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Administered By:

Decatur County Recycling District

Please read and complete the entire application. Leave no spaces blank – write “Not Applicable or “NA” where appropriate. Type or print neatly. All items must be legible, and all information must be included.

Student Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Decatur County Recycling District Affiliations (If Applicable)

List any family members, by full name and relationship, who are affiliated with the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District in the capacity of:

Employee, board member, or advisory committee member. Failure to disclose family relationship will result in scholarship forfeiture.

Community Involvement

Please list your involvement in Decatur County. Please also include a contact person for each event or activity that you have been involved with. We have the right to contact these people in regards to your overall achievement, perseverance, cooperation, character, and work habits (Or may attach Resume).



Educational Background:

High school: _____ Graduation date: _____

Name of college or university planning to attend: _____

Declared Major: _____

Intended Degree: _____

Student Statements:

Why should you be selected to receive this scholarship? (If not enough space, may include on separate word document)

Certification

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be considered for this scholarship, the following must be submitted along with this application:

1. An official copy of your most recent transcript (Award is not based solely on this).
2. A one-page (minimum) 12-point font essay on the topic: "What impact does Recycling have on the future of Decatur County?"
3. Recommendation letter from head of one of the organizations you have volunteered with.

**Scholarship will be awarded once student has given a proof of admission with class list before student starts his first year of post-secondary work.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 24th, 2026 to the Decatur County Recycling District Office, 314 W. Washington Street, Greensburg, IN, 47240.

Postmark documents by deadline if mailing. You may email documents to Recycling@decaturcounty.in.gov. Before dropping off at the office call to schedule a time as hours vary daily. 812-663-0960