Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior or high school graduate (diploma or G.E.D. certificate);
- Be enrolled or planning to enroll in full-time course of study at an accredited two- or four-year community college, college or university;
- Be enrolled in a natural resource field such as fish or wildlife biology, conservation or management, air quality, botany, conservation education, ecology, forestry, hydrology, soils, pollution control or water quality
- Have a GPA of at least 3.0/4.0; and
- Have their permanent address in Boone, Cook, Dekalb, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will or Winnebago Counties.

Application materials needed (in addition to actual application):

- Minimum of 3 letters of recommendations, from counselor, teacher, employer, or other individual qualified to assess the applicant's scholarship, community service, and commitment to natural resources
- OFFICIAL transcripts
- Provide a typed and double spaced (max. 2 pages) profile of yourself, stressing career goals and aspirations including: 1) why you are interested in pursuing a career in the natural resources field, 2) what you hope to accomplish when you complete your education, and 3) what does Leopold’s land ethic mean to you.

**Deadline: February 15 (post marked by)**

This information is also on the Northern Illinois Community Foundation website link: https://www.cfnil.org/scholarships/leopold-scholarship/

For the application or questions, contact the Boone County Soil & Water Conservation District at 815-544-2677 x 3 or e-mail: jennifer.becker@il.nacdnet.net. Applications and all materials must be received to consider an application complete. No application packets will be accepted by e-mail and must be mailed. Please mail all applications to:

Boone County Soil & Water Conservation District
Administering District
211 North Appleton Road,
Belvidere, IL 61008

Updated 10/19/2018