

**Who was Eddie Wood?**

Eddie Wood received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech in 1961, and Master's degree in Resource Management from the University of Montana in 1973. Eddie spent more than thirty years working for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Soil and Water Conservation. After becoming the Assistant State Conservationist in New Hampshire in 1973, he became the State Conservationist of Maine in 1978, and of Kentucky in 1980. He enjoyed international travel as a part of his job as well, advising the governments in Ecuador and Thailand on agricultural projects. After retiring to Albemarle County in 1983, Eddie became a private consultant for pond design, designing more than 50 ponds in Albemarle County alone. He also served on various community service boards such as the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District, Love I.N.C., and Summit Square. Eddie was also the primary designer of the Mountain Run Dam Project in Culpeper County.

**What is the purpose of this scholarship?**

Eddie's greatest peace and pleasure was found in the stewardship of the land, and passing that commitment along to others. Eddie was a true conservationist and the Eddie Wood Memorial Scholarship keeps his work alive. The Thomas Jefferson SWCD awards the Eddie Wood Memorial Scholarship on an annual basis to students from the counties of Albemarle, Louisa, Fluvanna, and Nelson, and the City of Charlottesville, who embody the conservation ideals of Eddie Wood and demonstrate a commitment to soil and water conservation. This scholarship is funded at \$500 annually and applicants are automatically considered for this scholarship when applying for the TJSWCD scholarship.