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To: High School Guidance Counselors and Financial Aid Officers
From: Jen Linaberry, Interim Education Coordinator
Re: 2020 TJSWCD and VASWCD College Scholarship Announcement

Date: January 21, 2020

To whom this concerns:

The Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (TJSWCD) is pleased to announce the availability of its 2020 Scholarship Awards, including the Annual Eddie Wood Memorial Scholarship. The TJSWCD will give three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500.00) in scholarship money to students residing in Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson Counties, and the City of Charlottesville – the District we proudly serve. The scholarship money may be awarded entirely to one applicant or may be divided based upon the merit of the applicants. Of the \$3500.00, \$500.00 will be awarded in Eddie Wood’s memory to a student who especially exemplifies the conservationist ideals of Eddie Wood.

The TJSWCD scholarship is available to full-time students who demonstrate an active interest in conservation and are enrolled in, or have applied to, a college freshman level curriculum. The scholarship must be applied toward courses for which the student will receive college credit, and the payment will be made directly to the student’s academic institution.

In addition, one applicant nominated by TJSWCD will be sent to the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) to be considered for the four (4) \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded to statewide winners. Submitted applications will be reviewed and screened by the Scholarship/Awards Committee. All applications and information contained therein shall remain confidential. Nominations from the Committee will be submitted to the VASWCD Educational Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors for final approval. The mission of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District’s Educational Foundation, Inc. is to provide educational opportunities to citizens of Virginia to become good stewards of the environment and natural resources for the benefit of all. Virginia’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Virginia Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, memorial gifts and other contributions have provided initial funding for the Foundation.

All programs and services of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District’s Educational Foundation, Inc. are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or disability. All submitted paperwork is confidential and becomes the property of the VASWCDEF.

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The TJSWCD will use the enclosed VASWCD application. **Only one application form needs to be completed to apply for all available scholarships. The applicant's most recent official school transcript, SIGNED, DATED and RAISED SCHOOL SEAL AFFIXED, must accompany the application. A copy of a school transcript will NOT be accepted.** Please see TJSWCD College Scholarship Application Guidelines.

The TJSWCD college scholarship program is created to promote the education of Virginia students in technical fields with a natural resource conservation and environmental protection focus, and to give financial support to students majoring in, or showing a strong desire to major in, a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. It is possible for a candidate to receive both the TJSWCD scholarship as well as a VASWCD scholarship.

The TJSWCD college scholarship guidelines, Eddie Wood biography, and the application forms are enclosed. Please make as many copies as necessary such that all interested students at your school can apply. The application and information are also available online at www.tjswcd.org.

All completed applications must be received, in office, by the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District by 4:00 pm on March 2, 2020. PLEASE NOTE: due to our application review and scoring timeline - this deadline does not include "postmark" date because the USPS does not guarantee a timely delivery. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact via e-mail at jen.linaberry@tjswcd.org or by telephone 434-975-0224 ext. 107.

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