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To: High School Guidance Counselors and Financial Aid Officers
From: Lauriston DaMitz, Education Coordinator
Re: 2021 TJSWCD and VASWCD College Scholarship Announcement

Date: January 26, 2021

To whom this concerns:

The Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (TJSWCD) is pleased to announce the availability of its 2021 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 and the application 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 attached VASWCD application. Only one application form needs to be completed to apply for all available scholarships. **PLEASE NOTE:** During this time of the COVID pandemic, our offices are currently closed to the public. In accordance to public health guidance, staff is working remotely during this time therefore we will be accepting scholarship applications by email only.

We are requesting students applying for the college scholarships to contact their school counselor and request the school transcript be emailed directly to me, lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org by the deadline Monday, March 29th, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. in order to complete the application "packet". Students are to complete the scholarship application including email attachments of 3 letters of recommendation and essay as one email. The email time stamp will be referenced to confirm receipt by the deadline. **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 attached. Please make available to students to receive these documents electronically, as necessary, such that all interested students at your school can apply. The application and information are also available online at <https://www.tjswcd.org/education-outreach/>.

Completed application, attachments and school transcript must be received by Monday, March 29, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. via email to lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact via e-mail or by telephone 434-975-0224 ext. 107. While working remotely, I do check my voicemail daily and I'll be sure to return your call.

Thank you for sharing this opportunity with interested students.

Sincerely,

Lauriston DaMitz
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Education Coordinator

"To exercise leadership in promoting natural resource protection."