

Teacher's Conservation Corner

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

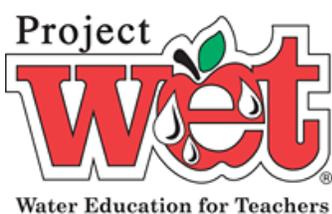
Project WET Workshop on January 20

The John Marshall Soil & Water Conservation District is offering a Project WET Workshop on Saturday, January 20 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Fauquier Outdoor Lab located at 769 Waterloo Rd, Warrenton (behind Fauquier High School).

Project WET (which stands for "Water Education for Teachers") is a nationally developed water education program for educators (public and private school teachers, youth club leaders, museum staff, and other community educators). The "Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide", for kin-



Students participate in a Project WET activity with their teacher.



Water Education for Teachers

dergarten through twelfth grades, is a collection of hands-on water-related activities. Project WET addresses water's chemical and physical properties, quantity and quality issues, aquatic wildlife, ecosystems, and management strategies. The activities promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills by teaching students *how* to think about water resources rather than *what* to think.

The workshop is **FREE** to attend (includes lunch) and participants will receive a Project WET book, materials, and six recertification points. To register, please send an email to Susan Bardenhagen (Region4@VAST.org) with the following information: Name, School District, School, Subject Area/Grade Level, Email Address, and whether or not you are a current VAST member. Registration information needs to be submitted by Wednesday, January 17. Space is limited, so please register early.

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Bay Backpack

Bay Backpack is an online resource that supports hands-on environmental learning. By providing educators with information about funding opportunities, field studies, and curriculum guides and lesson plans related to the Chesapeake Bay. Bay Backpack helps educators find the tools they need to give their students Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences.

Teaching resources include information on Bay animals, habitats, earth system science, land use, water quality, people, and culture. The teaching resources



also include a searchable option to view resources by grade level, subject, and keyword. The funding list includes a number of regional and state-specific grants. If you require help applying for a grant, the John Marshall District can assist you.

Bay Backpack and all of its related information can be found at baybackpack.com.

VASWCD Scholarship

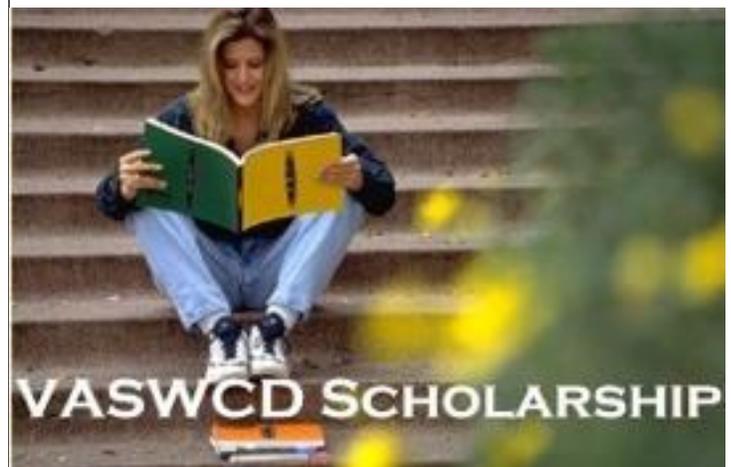
The Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts is once again offering four \$1,000 scholarships to students through their educational foundation.

This scholarship program provides financial support to students majoring or desiring to major in a natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies curriculum.

Eligible applicants must be full-time students who are enrolled in *or* who have applied to a college freshman curriculum. Applicants need to be in the top 20% of his or her graduating class or have a GPA of at least 3.0 or equivalent.

Fauquier County residents should turn in their applications to the John Marshall SWCD no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 9, 2018. Last year the District received a number of applications from a strong applicant pool and we are hoping for the same this year.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the John Marshall Soil & Water Conservation District. An application is also available online at <http://vaswcd.org/student-scholarships>.



Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students statewide.