

Teacher's Conservation Corner

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

VASWCD Scholarship

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

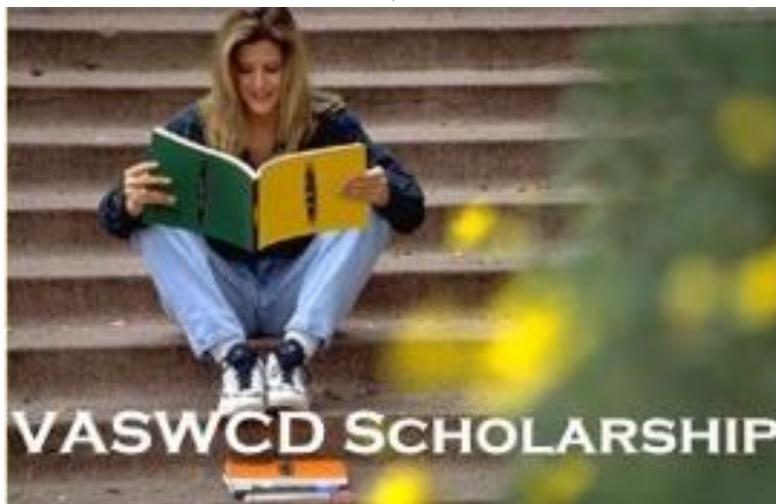
This scholarship program provides financial support to students majoring or desiring to major in a natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies curriculum.

Eligible applicants must be full-time students who are enrolled in **or** who have applied to a college freshman curriculum. An applicant needs 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 8, 2019**. 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>.



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Bay Podcasts

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has produced a 90-episode podcast on various topics relating to the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

While an environmental focus is at the core of most episodes, it also discusses the economic, cultural, and social aspects of different topics.

A few of the topics that are discussed during the podcast episodes include: The importance of trees, blue crab habitat, the effects of air pollution on the Bay,

and the legislation and policies that are being used to help clean up the Bay.

These podcast episodes might serve as a resource for students who are conducting research or for teachers who want to incorporate parts of them into their lessons.

All the archives of the podcast are available at: <http://www.cbf.org/news-media/multimedia/podcasts/>.



Spring Programs

Spring is right around the corner and it is usually the busiest time of year here at the District. If you're interested in having the District conduct a spring program for you, now would be the time to begin thinking about signing up for one. Slots for programs in late-March through April will soon start to fill up.

Each spring the District conducts tree planting projects on local farms as a way to create riparian buffers as well as give students a chance to learn about how riparian buffers affect and enhance their environment. These tree planting projects are only open to high school students. If you are interested in having your students participate in a tree planting event, please contact the District as soon as possible as we are currently trying to plan and coordinate these projects for the late-March through April timeframe.

For more information or to sign up for a program, please contact Michael Trop at michael.trop@fauquiercounty.gov.



Students plant a tree to establish a riparian buffer.