

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.

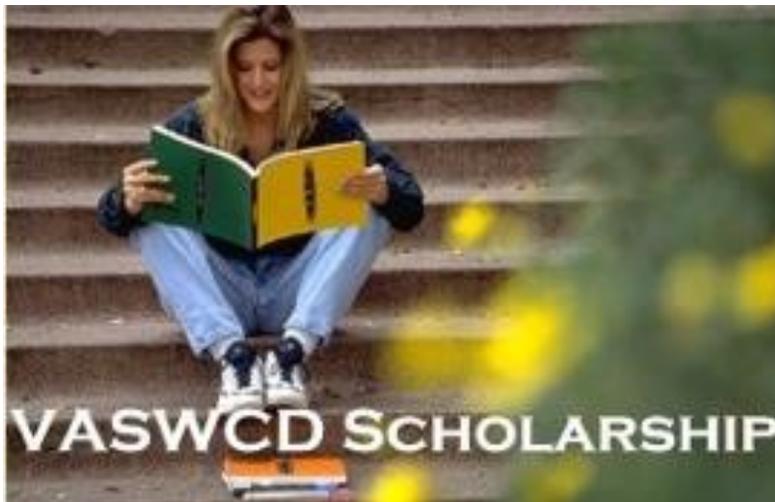
This scholarship program provides financial support to students majoring or desiring to major in a natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies curriculum.

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 6, 2020**. Last year the District received several 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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No Education Programs for Late April/May

ATTENTION TEACHERS: The John Marshall SWCD's Education Specialist, Michael Trop, will not be available to conduct programs from April 27 through the end of the school year.

If you have already scheduled a program for this time period, the District will have somebody available to conduct it, but no new programs will be scheduled

for this time period. This means that if you would like to have a program conducted, it will have to be prior to April 24.

As always, programs are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to schedule a program, contact Michael Trop at michael.trop@faulquiercounty.gov or 540-316-6639.

Posters Available

The District has a number of posters available for free to teachers who would like them. We have a wide variety which includes maps of Virginia's watersheds, the Chesapeake Bay, Soils, Farming, and more.

Some of the posters have information on the back of the poster as well which may include activities or more detailed information about the poster topic.

This [link](#) lists all of the posters that we have available as well as their size and the quantity available. The number available may not reflect up-to-the-minute quantities. To reserve posters, please email michael.trop@faulquiercounty.gov with the name of the poster and quantity desired. Posters may be able to be delivered to schools upon request.



MWEE Course

The Chesapeake Bay Program has launched a new free online course which is available to provide an understanding of Meaningful Watershed Education Experiences for educators. The course covers three lessons:

1. *Why MWEEs?* This lesson explores the history, rationale, and educational context of the MWEE as well as exploring case studies of how teachers have

embedded MWEEs in their classes.

2. *What Makes a MWEE?* This lesson introduces the components of the MWEE.

3. *Planning and Evaluating MWEEs.* This lesson delves into the planning and evaluating of MWEEs.

The course (as well as other Bay-related ones) is available online at <https://cbexapp.noaa.gov/>.