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Scholarship Opportunity from Michigan Lake Stewardship Associations (MLSA)

Apply now for MLSA's 2019 Megan E. Cook Memorial Scholarship in Environmental Studies

2019 AWARDS: Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a current student majoring in the environmental studies field (with preference to lake and Stewardship studies). The goal of this scholarship is to enable a talented and motivated student to advance their scholarship in the environmental studies to participate in activities that would be otherwise limited. This includes attendance at the 58th annual MLSA conference on May 3-4, 2019 at the Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Michigan to learn about lake issues and research.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: By 5 pm, March 31, 2019

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY: Qualified applicants must be active and continuing undergraduate students that have a valid major in Environmental Studies or related field. Applicant must have an interest in lake and/or Stewardship research and be motivated to pursue projects that may lead to understanding or improving lake health. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must demonstrate some degree of financial need.

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS: (Full application instructions are included on the reverse side). Completed applications should be submitted to Dr. Jennifer L. Jermalowicz-Jones via PDF at the following email address: jenniferj@restorativelakesciences.com or by mail at the following address: Michigan Lake Stewardship Associations, 300 N. State Street, Stanton, MI 48888. Please include current transcripts from the college you are attending.

AWARD PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS: Scholarship recipients will be determined by a Selection Committee designated by the MLSA Board of Directors. In early March, winners of the scholarships will be notified via a formal letter from MLSA. Recipients of the scholarships may use the award funds for educational-related expenses such as tuition, textbooks, computer software, research, or other pertinent expenses. Recipients will be issued a check with the award letter in the amount of \$1,000 that will come from the MLSA Megan E. Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund. This will be awarded in person at the 58th annual MLSA conference May 3-4, 2019. Additionally, please be aware of your college policies that may require notification of this award to the office of financial aid if an award is received. If there are any concerns about this, please consult with your college financial aid officer prior to application of the scholarship. You will be required to send a summary report of what you have used the award for and how it could benefit Michigan lakes and Stewardships.



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APPLICATION FOR MEGAN E. COOK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- 1.) Please include the following information on a cover sheet (separate sheet)
 - Full Name (including middle initial or name)
 - Permanent Address
 - Current telephone number
 - E-Mail address
 - Local Mailing address (college address)
 - Overall college GPA
 - Expected semester and year of graduation
 - Degree being pursued

- 2.) In addition, please provide the following:
 - A most recent copy of your current transcript or if you have recently transferred to a new college, then please include your previous and recent transcripts
 - Chronologically list your experience in environmental studies, research, or work, and possible contributions to societies or organizations

- 3.) Please answer the following questions (limit your answers to 400 words per question or approximately 2-3 paragraphs).
 - A. What do you find most concerning regarding Michigan inland lakes and their protection?
 - B. How would this scholarship enable you to enhance your education and involvement in further studies?
 - C. How does your proposed educational path relate to the values expressed by Megan E. Cook and her life?



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About Megan E. Cook

A bright 17 year old, high school Senior who was loved by all she met. She brought a vibrancy of life to everyone she was around. She was a bright, enthusiastic student. From Kindergarten through 12th grade her favorite subjects were Science and Health. As the youngest in a homeschooled family, she absorbed knowledge from listening to the older children's lessons. Long before her "formal" school years began learning about the world around her was constant. Many days throughout the years she would give us a detailed description of what she learned that day in her Science and Health classes. She also enjoyed reading all she could about mysteries and forensics.

Her plan was to study Science in preparation for a career in Forensics. She was thinking about using this type of degree on either a local or state forensics team in the Medical field or on a Police force.

She believed that by learning how the world functions through Science, we could become better citizens and have a healthier lifestyle. People would be better stewards of the world in which they live by understanding the environment. Knowledge is power! Taking care to preserve the environment as it was created, allows people to enjoy this world in a whole new way.