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St. Clair Conservation Offers Scholarships

The deadline is fast approaching for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority scholarships. The scholarships are available for graduating high school students who are continuing in post secondary studies in a conservation field (biology, ecology, geography, forestry, agriculture, fish and wildlife etc.). Applicants must be from one of the schools within the jurisdiction of the SCRCA. Up to two \$1,000 awards and up to three \$200 awards will be provided to successful candidates. These scholarships are provided by trust funds established through the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation.

A.W. Campbell Memorial Scholarships

This award is presented in memory of Archibald Campbell. Mr. Campbell was born in 1888 and lived in a house that has been preserved as the Campbell House Museum at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area in the former Brooke Township. Mr. Campbell was a farmer and an ardent conservationist. Through his will, the Campbell farm was able to be purchased by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority so that future generations would be able to enjoy the forests and rolling landscape of his property. Mr. Campbell died in 1965. This scholarship was made possible through a donation to a trust fund by two private individuals. Last year, the A.W. Campbell Memorial

Scholarships were awarded to Craig Schritt, Strathroy District Collegiate Institute and Phillip Grover, North Lambton Secondary School.

Tony Stranak Conservation Scholarships

These awards are presented in memory of Tony Stranak, former mayor of the Town of Dresden and past Conservation Authority Board member. The scholarships are funded through a trust fund established through donations from community organizations and municipalities in recognition of Mr. Stranak's long years of community service. Last year, the Tony Stranak Conservation Scholarships were awarded to Stacey Broad, Lambton Kent Composite School; Amy Kuenzig, St. Patrick's High School; Susan McCormick, Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational Institute; and Stefan Ivanski, Strathroy and District Collegiate Institute.

"This program will assist in the education of tomorrow's conservationists and encourage the continuation of the wise management of our natural resources," Ralph Coe, General Manager of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority said.

Students living within the boundary of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority or who attend a Secondary School in the following communities qualify:
Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Glencoe and Strathroy.

Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from the high schools listed above; by contacting the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority at 245-3710; or by visiting our website at www.scrca.on.ca. **The deadline for applications is May 30, 2009.**

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