

Howard Wood Memorial Scholarship

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**Presented by the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's
Sassafras Environmental Education Center**

The Howard Wood Scholarship was established by the family of Mr. Wood to honor his lifelong commitment to youth, conservation and the Eastern Shore's rich rural heritage.

The Sassafras Environmental Education Center (SEEC) is an educational division of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC). SEEC's primary mission is to help close the gap between children and the natural world by improving environmental literacy. Educational programs are held outdoors along forested trails, farm fields and rivers in Kent County.



SEEC will begin accepting applications for the Howard Wood Memorial Scholarship on January 1, 2017. The \$1,000 scholarship honors a founding board member of ESLC – Howard Wood – who was committed to maintaining the Eastern Shore's unique culture and environment.

This opportunity is open to high school seniors who plan to pursue careers in agriculture, land use planning, alternative energy or other conservation related fields immediately following graduation. The scholarship money can be applied toward costs of future academic study, or to support participation in a rigorous training or internship program focused on a conservation career.

To apply, students should fill out an application form, provide a transcript and submit a 500-word original essay responding to the following question:

Consider the Eastern Shore in the next 25 years – what is your vision for the Shore? What will you do to ensure that the Eastern Shore remains a unique, rural place long into the future? Please include your academic plans, career aspirations, and future goals when responding to this question.

Scholarship applications are due by Friday, March 31, 2017. One scholarship recipient will be selected and announced by April 15, 2017.

Application materials can be emailed to: jbelanger@eslc.org or mailed to: Sassafras Environmental Education Center, 13761 Turners Creek Road, Kennedyville, MD, 21645. We can be reached via email, or at **410-348-5214**.

About the Howard Wood Memorial Scholarship

Howard Wood spent summers at his grandmother's farm, crabbing, sailing, and swimming (if the jellyfish weren't too thick). He helped with chores and learned to drive her Model T pick-up. After college and law school, Howard decided to live year round at Indiantown – the farm next door to his grandmother's – and opened his law office in Centreville. He soon became aware that the increasing urbanization of the Shore threatened the livelihood of many of his clients – farmers and watermen – as well as the natural and fertile beauty of the area he loved so much. Howard spent many volunteer hours working with the Maryland Environmental Trust and was a founding Board member of ESLC. He helped many neighbors, clients, and friends place conservation easements on their land. The Wood Family has established this scholarship in Howard's memory and feels that helping a student build a future in conservation would continue to honor his legacy.

About the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

ESLC is a private, nonprofit land conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of farmland and wildlife habitat on the Eastern Shore. Funded by constituent contributions, ESLC helps landowners to discover, evaluate, and implement any of the voluntary land preservation options available. Since its inception in 1990, ESLC has helped landowners to protect more than 58,000 acres of farmland and important habitat on over 300 Eastern Shore properties. Visit eslc.org for more information.