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## **ALLEGHENY HARDWOOD UTILIZATION GROUP**

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Re: Sandy Cochran Memorial Fund Scholarship

To Whom It May Concern:

The Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG) is a non-profit, forest industry support organization that serves the 14-county area of North Central and Northwestern Pennsylvania.

AHUG is a member of the Roach Bauer Forestry Forum Committee, who works with the **Sandy Cochran Memorial Fund** in offering scholarships to students studying the fields of Forestry, Natural Resource Management and/or Environmental Science.

The Sandy Cochran Memorial Fund Scholarship awards range from \$250 to \$1,000 , and are available to high-school seniors about to begin their studies, as well as to current college students. Applicants must reside within a 17-county area of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Southwestern New York. (counties listed on website).

We have attached a flyer describing the program in more detail. We hope you will consider posting the flier on your school website, and passing along to students that may be interested.

Submission details, timeline and applications can be found at [www.sandycochran.org](http://www.sandycochran.org) or call the AHUG office at 814-837-8550.

Deadline for application is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

Amy Shields  
Executive Director

Scholarships Available to Students Pursuing  
Forestry, Natural Resource Management and/or Environmental Science  
Sandy Cochran Memorial Fund Scholarship



One mission of the privately endowed Sandy Cochran Memorial Fund is to support students who are committed to pursuing a career in forestry, natural resource management and/or environmental science – and then applying that knowledge to provide the very best in natural resource management to the 17-county region of northwestern Pennsylvania and southwestern New York\*. Sandy Cochran believed that people should work safely, apply best management practices in the forests, cultivate the most promising markets for our wood products, stay informed on the most recent research results and technologies, and work to create a policy environment led by well-informed political leaders. He wanted the best and brightest youth to study for forestry and related careers. His friends and colleagues created this fund to further Sandy's wishes.

The endowment funds approximately 1 – 4 scholarships annually, with a value ranging from \$250 - \$1,000, depending on available funds and on the number and quality of applicants. Scholarships are awarded for study in 2 or 4-year programs in forestry, natural resource management and/or environmental science, and are available to high-school seniors about to begin their studies as well as to current college students.

Applicants must submit a cover sheet, an essay indicating how their career aspirations align with the Cochran vision, one or more letters of reference, and their most recent high school or college transcript.

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Deadline for application is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Applications will be accepted from students whose home is in the Northern Allegheny Region with includes Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango and Warren Counties in Pennsylvania and Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties in New York.