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TO: High School Guidance, Agriculture & Science Departments and College Career Services Offices

FROM: Rich Wood, Education & Outreach Coordinator—Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District

SUBJECT: Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship & the Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship

DATE: January 10, 2024

Please find enclosed information concerning the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) Education Foundation, Inc., Scholarship Program as well as the Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District's Scholarship Program. These two scholarship programs are intended to assist deserving individuals who are planning to enroll (both scholarship programs—VASWCD & Headwaters SWCD) in curriculum relating to natural resource conservation.

The Headwaters SWCD will award up one \$1,000 scholarship to an eligible individual. Eligible applicants must reside or attend school within the boundaries of the Headwaters SWCD (Augusta County, the City of Staunton, or the City of Waynesboro). The Headwaters SWCD scholarship applicants must fulfill the minimum criteria as outlined in the guidelines provided with the exception of the undergraduate freshmen level curriculum (see note below). The Headwaters SWCD Education Committee will review and screen all application submitted to determine the recipient(s) of the Headwaters SWCD scholarships. The committee will also review the applications and determine which application will be forwarded to the VASWCD for consideration for the VASWCD Education Foundation Inc., Scholarships. **This year, VASWCD Education Foundation Inc. will award four, \$2,000 scholarships to eligible applicants.**

Please Note: *The VASWCD Educational Foundation Scholarship Program allows only students who are enrolled or who have applied to college freshman level curriculum to apply for their scholarships. However, the Headwaters SWCD's Scholarship Program allows all full-time students (current college freshman, sophomores, and juniors) in addition to students who have applied to a college undergraduate level curriculum (high school seniors) to apply for the District Scholarship Program.*

The Headwaters SWCD utilizes the same application form and guidelines (with the exception noted above) for their scholarship, as the VASWCD Educational Foundation Inc. An application form and guidelines for the two scholarships are enclosed with this correspondence. Please copy this information as needed. A copy of the scholarship program guidelines and an application can be found on the Headwaters SWCD website:

<http://headwatersswcd.org/scholarships/>. **Completed applications should be returned to Headwaters SWCD by March 29, 2024.**

If you have any questions regarding either scholarship program, please contact Rich Wood at the Headwaters SWCD office at (540) 248-0148 ext. 8 or rwood@co.augusta.va.us. **Completed applications must be received by 4:00pm March 29, 2024** via mail or delivery to:

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