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Scholarship Announcement
Active Citizens for Responsible Sustainability, Inc. (ACRES)
Franklin R. Myers Scholarship

Active Citizens for Responsible Sustainability, Inc. (ACRES) is pleased to announce a \$500 scholarship to a deserving NJ graduating high school senior who intends to study environmental science, conservation, biology, landscape/horticulture, sustainability, urban planning, park administration, forestry, or a related environmental or scientific field.

The Franklin R. Myers Scholarship was established in 2015 to honor the memory of the late esteemed educator and conservationist, Franklin R. Myers. For over thirty years as a biology teacher at Bernards High School, this visionary educator inspired and motivated a generation of students in conservation, land stewardship and wildlife management principles.

As creator of New Jersey's first-in-state living laboratory--BHS Nature Trail and Wildlife Sanctuary--on the school's six-acre pocket woodland, Franklin Myers' passion for teaching and preserving the environment encouraged young minds while serving as a role model for the community. The successful multi-curriculum program was recognized as a prestigious school and community project for decades.

ACRES, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization was founded in 2013. We work as a catalyst to help educate and inspire individuals and community groups to seek environmentally sustainable land use practices. ACRES supports educational efforts to promote and protect rapidly vanishing pocket woodlands. The existence of these woodlands heightens our awareness that man and nature are inextricably linked.

Eligibility requirements for Scholarship:

- New Jersey resident
- Graduating high school senior
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Plan on attending an accredited four-year college or university in Fall, 2017
- Demonstrate leadership, concern for the environment and commitment to the community
- Plan on study environmental science, conservation, biology, landscape/horticulture, sustainability, urban planning, park administration, forestry, or related environmental or scientific field

The scholarship program is administered by the Board of Trustees of ACRES. Payment of the scholarship is made directly to the university/institution and mailed to the recipient for submission to the institution. Applications for the current year must be postmarked by **May 1, 2017**. Winners will be notified by **May 31, 2017**.

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Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (including area code) (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

How did you hear about our Scholarship? _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes _____ No _____

If no, are you a legal U.S. resident Yes _____ No; status: _____

High School/Address: _____

Name of college you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied. Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.)

_____ City _____ State _____

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Major or course of study: _____ Expected college graduation date: _____

Four year program: Yes _____ No _____

Parents/Guardian: Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email Address _____

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First and Last Name _____

Describe in detail one outstanding **non-academic achievement** that you accomplished. Your achievement may be an activity or project in your school, community or at work. Provide your answers on this page.

- Summarize your outstanding achievement in two to three sentences.
- What did you do to accomplish your achievement? What challenges did you face?
- What impact did your achievement have on you, your family, your school or your community?

What do you believe is one of the biggest environmental challenges our communities are facing in New Jersey? Why do you believe this to be the case?

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(If the provided space is inadequate, feel free to continue on one sheet of paper using the same format. Please do not repeat information already reported on the application form.)

Additional items required:

- Attach a resume or separate sheet that contains a summary of your school activities, (include number of years participated and any offices held), academic awards and achievements, volunteer and community experiences, work experiences
- Attach an official transcript from high school
- Provide two references: one academic reference and one community reference

Please follow the directions on the Scholarship Application Form and mail all materials, postmarked **no later than May 1, 2017 to:**

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