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## Cacapon and Lost River Land Trust 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship \$700

The Cacapon and Lost Rivers Land Trust (Trust) has worked with local landowners for 25 years to preserve the natural beauty, rural heritage and uniqueness of the Cacapon River Valley. The Trust is focused on protecting ecologically rich and economically beneficial areas of the watershed to create a network of natural hubs and corridors that will help sustain the watershed's rich biodiversity into the future. The Trust is the largest local land trust in the state and the only West Virginia based group to be accredited by the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission. Working with many partners, the Trust has protected over 13,300 acres through 50 conservation easements agreements with local landowners. These achievements would not have been possible without the strong support and dedication of the communities and landowners in the watershed. As the Trust celebrates our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we want to make sure we are not only investing in the protection of our natural resources but are also investing in the future of the people who live and might someday work in this very special place. The Trust is pleased to be able to offer three \$700 scholarships to deserving High School seniors from the watershed in pursuing higher education related to natural resource conservation, agriculture or forestry.

**Application Instructions:** Please submit your application electronically to Kelly Watkinson at [Kelly@cacapon.org](mailto:Kelly@cacapon.org) by May 1, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Awards will be announced in mid-May, 2015. If you have questions, please email or contact Kelly at 304-856-1188. Scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution to help defray the costs of tuition.

Application should include

**Personal Information:** name, address, phone, email

**Education Information:** name of high school, GPA and/or class rank, two school-related references (names and contact info) and name of college or university you will be attending.

**Extracurricular Activities:** (please include information about the activity or activities and your roles and responsibilities)

Please answer the following essay questions. (Application should not exceed 4 pages total.)

1. Briefly provide information on your background, experience or interest in natural resource conservation, forestry or agriculture.
2. Provide a brief description of what natural resource conservation, forestry or agriculture means to you and why you think it's important for the Cacapon and Lost River Valley and for West Virginia.
3. Provide a brief description of your plans to pursue education in natural resource conservation, forestry or agriculture and why this scholarship would help you pursue those goals.
4. Add anything else you want the Scholarship review team to know in considering this application.

### Eligibility Criterion:

\*\*must currently be a high school senior

\*\*lives in the Cacapon and Lost River watershed (See attached maps for watershed boundaries.)

\*\*interested in pursuing career and advanced education in fields related to conservation of natural resources, forestry or agriculture.

\*\*3.0 Minimum GPA required.