

Edward W. Cooch, Jr. Environmental Scholarship 2025 Scholarship Guidelines

History

The Edward W. Cooch, Jr. Environmental Scholarship fund has been established to honor the late Edward W. Cooch, Jr. (1920-2010). “Ned” as many of us knew him, was an avid environmentalist with a deep passion for the natural lands and water resources of the State of Delaware. In 1982 Ned was one of the founders of the Christina Conservancy which promotes the preservation and restoration of the natural and historic resources of the Christina River Watershed. Ned was one of the driving forces and an inspiration for the Christina River Watershed Cleanup, which was started in 1992, and has removed hundreds of tons of trash from the watershed. Ned was an active member of the Delaware community and demonstrated a deep commitment to the natural environment.

Award

This \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to one student, selected by the scholarship committee, who demonstrates the ideals that Ned Cooch carried out in his daily life.

Eligibility

1. Must be applying to a properly accredited community college, college, or university for the fall semester 2025;
2. Must be a Delaware resident;
3. Must be a senior in a Delaware high school or veteran of the U.S. armed services;
4. Must have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater;
5. Must major in an environmental field of study;
6. Must demonstrate a strong interest in water resources and the environment (example: participate in river cleanups, engage in school Eco-club projects, elect to take environmental classes, etc.).

Selection Criteria

The recipient should possess a passionate interest in preserving, restoring and conserving water resources and the natural environment. This will be clearly communicated through described academic and career goals.

Deadline

All applications and supporting materials must be received by the Christina Conservancy Scholarship Committee at either the email address or mailing address listed below ***no later than Tuesday, April 15, 2025.*** Word and/or PDF files sent by email will be accepted by the due date.

Email Word or PDF files to:

mcorrozi@udel.edu

Mail to:

Christina Conservancy Scholarship Committee
C/O Cooch Scholarship Committee Chairperson
1201 Orange Street, Suite 640
Wilmington, DE 19801

For questions or more information please contact:

Martha Narvaez (mcorrozi@udel.edu), Water Resources Center, University of Delaware and Scholarship Chair for the Christina Conservancy

Selection

The recipient will be chosen by the Christina Conservancy Scholarship Committee. The Committee does not discriminate by age, race, color, national origin, disability, creed, or gender. Family members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible. The decision of the Committee is final.

Notification of the winner will take place by the end of May 2025. The Scholarship will be awarded in June 2025.

**EDWARD W. COOCH, JR. ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP
2025 APPLICATION**

Full Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Parent's or Guardian's Address _____

Name of High School Attended _____

Dates Attended (From-To) _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Colleges/Universities Accepted at _____

Expected Major _____

Grade Point Average and Scale _____

Best SAT and/or ACT Scores (Total) _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Please note: Recipient agrees to the release of his or her name and a photo for publicity purposes.

The following supporting documentation must be included with your application:

- Describe your academic and career goals as it relates to preserving, restoring and conserving water resources and the natural environment (not to exceed 700 words).
- Summary of volunteer activities and/or job history.
- Official high school transcript and grade scale.
- Two letters of reference (teachers, community leaders, mentors, counselors).
- For U.S. veterans a copy of your military ID or discharge papers.
- Optional - Copy of your best SAT and/or ACT scores.

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