

2012 Casella Scholarships Announced

The Ontario County Board of Supervisors announced they will again award Casella Environmental Waste Management academic scholarships to qualified **Ontario County** (*applicants must be a resident of Ontario County*) college or college-bound students who are pursuing majors in environmental studies, agriculture or agricultural business including waste management. Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2012.

The application is available on the next page of this announcement.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc. has established this 20-year fund to support scholarships to encourage students to pursue college-level studies and careers in the fields of environmental studies, agriculture and waste management. Geoffrey Astles, Ontario County Administrator said, "This scholarship is one way our citizenry benefits from the public/private partnership we have with Casella Waste Management Systems." Each scholarship recipient will receive \$2,500. Dr. Joseph J. Marinelli, District Superintendent of Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, which serves as the scholarship coordinating agency said, "We are pleased to collaborate with The Ontario County government and Casella Waste Systems to facilitate this academic scholarship program supporting careers in the environmental, agriculture and waste management fields."

Each scholarship recipient will be chosen by a team of reviewers in accordance with the established criteria. Recipients are chosen for their outstanding academic records and for essays written showing her or his dedication to a career that will support the environment.

Please complete the application including all the attachments, obtain the necessary references and forward all to:

Christopher Semler
Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES
131 Drumlin Court
Newark, New York 14513

585-200-2568
csemler@wflboces.org

Applications and references must be postmarked by February 28, 2012.

Casella Waste Management Scholarship

ONTARIO COUNTY/CASELLA WASTE MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

Deadline: Must be postmarked by February 28, 2012

DESCRIPTION:

The Ontario County/Casella Waste Management Systems Scholarship will provide \$2,500 scholarships for students who reside in Ontario County committed to college level study in the fields of environmental science, agriculture or agricultural related businesses including waste management.

CRITERIA:

The scholarship is available to selected, college-bound, graduating high school seniors or undergraduate college students, who

- have been accepted into a recognized (registered) college level program of study leading to an Associate or Bachelor's degree in environmental science and/or waste management, and/or agricultural related fields,
- are residents of Ontario County,
- are U.S. citizens or possess permanent resident visas at the time of their application,
- can demonstrate academic proficiency.

APPLICATION:

Applicants must complete an application form, submit a one to two-page essay, copies of your high school and/or college transcripts, and if in college now, evidence that you are in good standing to continue at the institution of higher education in the fall of 2012, and three letters of reference (in sealed envelopes). These materials should be mailed to:

*Christopher Semler
Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES
131 Drumlin Court
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Please note: References may be sent directly by the person writing the reference to the Scholarship Coordinator at the address noted above. Applicants may submit copies of any papers they have written on any aspect of environmental studies, agriculture, agricultural business or waste management.

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ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:

Write an essay stating your interest in environmental, agriculture, agricultural related business or waste management including **your vision of your possible role in the field** (planning, consulting, design, construction, teaching, research, facility operation or management, regulatory agency work, municipal government, etc.) and **why you have chosen the course of study you are pursuing**. Also, explain how this scholarship will support your educational plans. The essay can be up to two pages long. Please use 12 font and single space.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications for 2012 must be postmarked by February 28, 2012.

The Scholarship Coordinator will review and pre-screen all applications to determine if applicants meet the eligibility criteria and the applications are complete. Applicants that do not meet those requirements will not be considered and will receive a letter of rejection. The remaining applications will be forwarded to the Review Committee.

REVIEW PROCESS:

The review committee will read, discuss and consider all applications received by the deadline date. The committee will select the winners who appear to be best qualified and most promising based on the application and accompanying submissions. Consideration will be given to the applicant's statement of interest and commitment to a career in environmental studies, agriculture, agricultural business or waste management, his or her environmental vision, academic record and any experience in environmental or agricultural management projects. The judges will be the sole decision-makers on the granting of scholarships and are authorized to withhold scholarships if there are no qualified applicants.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES will notify each scholarship winner by mail with return receipt requested to the address given in the application. If a scholarship winner fails to acknowledge and accept the award in writing to the scholarship coordinator by the given date his/her award will be forfeited and the scholarship will be awarded to the next highest scoring applicant. Upon verification of the scholarship and the winner's matriculation in college, the scholarship grant will be paid to the college for the student's account.

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Best wishes to each applicant. We look forward to receiving your applications.

Full Name:

Address:

Parent/Guardian:

Telephone Number: _____

Overall Grade Average: _____ **Class Rank/Size:** _____

Name of College you attend or plan to attend:

Address of College: _____

Chosen Field of Study:

Extra Curricular Activities:

Awards Received:

Are you a previous Casella Scholarship Winner? If so what years have you previously been awarded:

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I certify that all information contained in and attached to this application is true and is my own work.

Signature **Date:** _____

List of Attachments:

- A. Essay
- B. Copy of high school and/or college transcripts
- C. For applicants presently in college, evidence the applicant is in good standing to continue at the institution of higher education in 2012.
- D. Three letters of reference, in sealed envelopes (may be mailed separately by reference but must be postmarked by February 28, 2012).