

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Scholarship Applications due January 30, 2009

The Conservation Foundation is seeking applicants for its 2009 environmental scholarship. The Conservation Foundation Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 through the **Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley** to recognize students who are pursuing a career in natural resource management (e.g., forestry, wildlife management, etc.) or other environmentally related fields of study. The fund was established by Ron Yenerich, a member of The Conservation Foundation's advisory council.

The scholarship is available to residents of the Community Foundation's service area; which includes all of Kendall County, southern Kane County and the city of Aurora; who are or soon will be attending a two-year college or a four-year accredited college or university. Applicants should be graduating high school seniors, home-educated graduating high school seniors or students at the undergraduate level of study. Ideal candidates will be full-time students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the preservation of the environment through their work-related, volunteer or other community activities.

Applications are due January 30, 2009 to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. For more information and to download an application, visit the website at

www.communityfoundationfrv.org/for_students.asp or call 630-896-7800.

The Conservation Foundation, a nonprofit land and watershed protection organization, is dedicated to preserving open space and natural lands, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of the environment in northeastern Illinois. Established in 1972 by business and community leaders, it is the only environmental organization to receive the 2008 Annual Award for Business Excellence from The Business Ledger. It received consecutive Four-Star Ratings, the highest bestowed, in 2007 and 2008 from Charity Navigator. Working closely with citizens, elected officials, developers, land use planners, park districts and forest preserves, The Conservation Foundation has helped protect more than 30,000 acres of open space. The Conservation Foundation has more than 4,500 donors and members. Its main office is at the 60-acre McDonald Farm in Naperville, Ill., with a program office located at the Dickson-Murst Farm in Montgomery, Ill. For more information about activities, programs and membership, visit www.theconservationfoundation.org or call 630-428-4500.