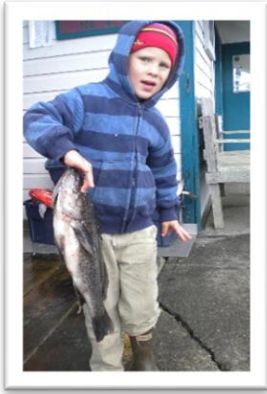


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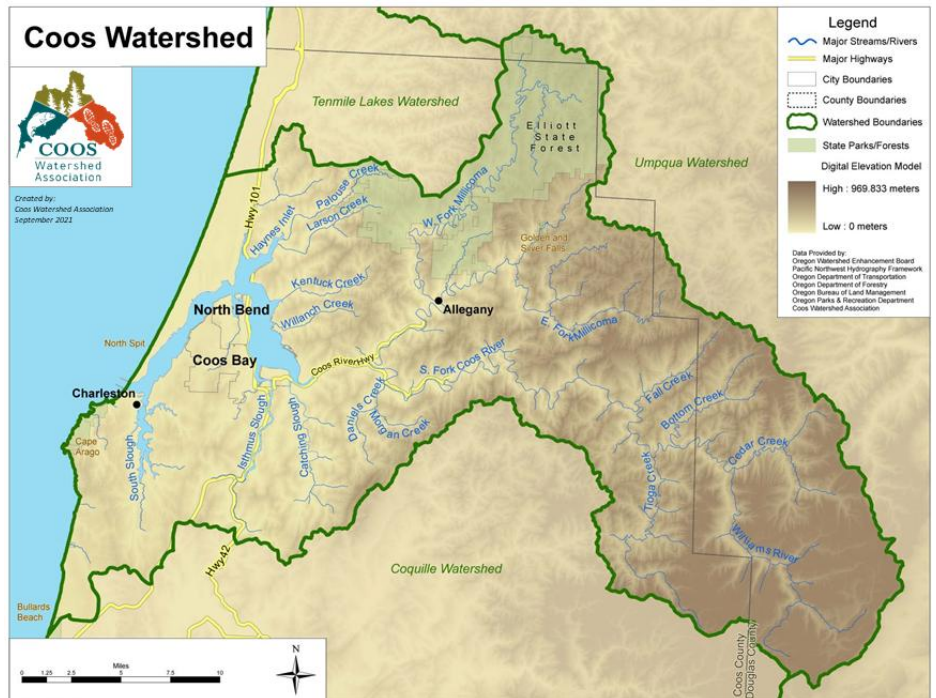
2025 Teddy Villers Natural Resources Scholarship



The Coos Watershed Association and the Villers Family of the Blue Ridge Timber Company will offer a scholarship of **\$3,000** to a student planning to pursue a degree or certificate in an environmental/ natural science field from an accredited institution of higher learning. This scholarship honors the life of Teddy Villers, son of Mark and Adela Villers, who lost his life while working on a salmon habitat restoration project with his dad in September 2015. Teddy had a strong curiosity for the natural world and loved working with his dad in the woods. The Coos Watershed Association and Villers Family will award this scholarship to a candidate who demonstrates a passion for and commitment to studying natural sciences. Scholarship applications available at www.cooswatershed.org and at local high schools.

Applicants must meet all three of the following criteria to be eligible for consideration:

1. Must be a current high school senior or community college student (or recent graduate)
2. Must currently reside in, or attend/plan to attend school in, the Coos watershed geographical area (Coos Bay, North Bend, Charleston, Allegany, or surrounding areas; see map). Students who live in other parts of Coos County (Coquille, Myrtle Point, Powers, etc.) and who plan to attend college at Southwestern Oregon Community College may apply.
3. Must be pursuing a career/degree in a **natural science field** such as Environmental Science, Natural Resources, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Marine Sciences, Conservation Biology, Botany, Zoology, Rangeland Management, Environmental Management/Policy, Ecological Engineering, or other related fields.



Key 2025 dates:

- **Deadline:** application must be received by **4 PM on February 19**
- **Announcement:** recipient will be notified by **March 5**
- **Award:** the scholarship award will be presented on **March 19** at the Coos Watershed Association's annual meeting. *Please plan to attend this meeting to receive the award.*

When selecting a recipient of the Teddy Villers Natural Resource Scholarship, we look for candidates who are involved in their communities, committed to their fields of study, and passionate about the natural world around them. Please provide 1-2 paragraphs (up to 400 words) for each of the questions below and provide details/examples whenever possible.

Community involvement

1. Describe any commitments you have outside of class—at school and/or in the community (clubs, sports, extra-curriculars, community activities, etc.)

2. Do you have any work experience? List any paid or volunteer experience:

Commitment to field of study

3. What field do you plan to pursue during/after college? What made you choose this field?

4. How do you see yourself contributing to and making a difference in this field?

5. How would you describe your work ethic and commitment to achieving your goals? If possible, provide some examples.

Outdoor passion

6. When it comes to the natural world and environment, what are you most passionate about, and why?

7. What are three things (these can be big or small) that you are doing to improve and care for the natural world/environment? If you aren't doing anything now, what would you *like* to do in the future?

References

Please list two references we may contact who are not related to you:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____

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Thank you for applying! Remember to include:

1. A complete high school or college transcript or equivalent
2. A letter of recommendation by someone other than a family member

******All application materials must be received by February 15, 2024******

Please choose from the following options for submitting your application packet:

Email applications to admin@cooswatershed.org, with “Teddy Villers scholarship” in subject line.
If possible, submit documents all as one PDF.

Mail applications to Diana Wright, Coos Watershed Association, PO Box 388, Coos Bay OR 97420
(please let us know if you choose this option so we can be sure to get your application in time)

If you have questions or need assistance with the application, please email Diana Wright (admin@cooswatershed.org) or call at 541-888-5922 (*email is preferred*).