



January 29, 2009

**TO:** All High Schools in Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes Counties  
**FROM:** T.J. Hegarty, Chair, Howard & Mary Hayward Memorial Scholarship Committee  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2008 Howard M. and Mary C. Hayward Memorial Scholarship Opportunity

I am writing to notify you that the Howard M. and Mary C. Hayward Memorial Scholarship Committee is accepting essays for the FY 2009 Scholarship Award. We will be accepting essays based on the criteria on the attached page. Please pass this information on to guidance counselors and other appropriate contacts, so that they may advise your seniors that this scholarship is available.

We are very pleased to have awarded this scholarship in the past to deserving seniors from Dennis-Yarmouth High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, Apponequet Regional High School, Marshfield High School, Coyle and Cassidy High School, and Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School. We are hopeful that one of your students will take advantage of this opportunity and apply for this year's scholarship. The recipient will be awarded a \$500 cash award.

All responses should be sent to:

Howard M. and Mary C. Hayward Scholarship Committee  
Attention: Irene Winkler  
15 Cranberry Highway  
West Wareham, MA 02576

If you have any questions, please contact Irene Winkler, Coordinator, Pilgrim Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Council, Inc. at 508-295-1317 ext. 130.

**2009 HOWARD M. & MARY C. HAYWARD  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
ESSAY CONTEST**

**PURPOSE:** The Howard M. & Mary C. Hayward Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of Howard and Mary Hayward who were devoted Massachusetts farmers, land stewards, and dedicated environmentalists.

The fund was established to reward a high school senior, planning to pursue a college education, for a high quality **500** word essay pertaining to:

*(Pick one of the following):*

1. Importance of agriculture and/or aquaculture to the future of Massachusetts
2. Soil and water conservation in Massachusetts
3. Environmental and/or watershed protection in Massachusetts
4. Importance of management and conservation of natural resources in Massachusetts
5. Natural resources conservation and economic development issues within your community. How would you manage them?
6. Real Life Situation:  
Define the following situation and describe what you would do and how you would make your decisions. Include your thoughts on natural resources and the impact your decision would have on natural resource.  
**Your grandparents/family owns a family farm and is ready to retire.  
The farm has been in your family for five generations.  
A developer has made a tempting offer to purchase the land for development.  
The family has called a meeting to discuss the options.  
With your future in mind, how do you respond?**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any graduating senior in Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties who will be pursuing further education in agriculture, aquaculture or a related science and will be entering college in the Fall.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The essay must be an **original** and be the work of the individual submitting the essay. The essay must be completed and received by **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

**Essay must include a cover page that contains:**

Name, Address, Date, Name of High School, Expected College Major, Reason(s) for writing the essay.

Essay is limited to two pages double-spaced (but must be at least 500 words long).

**AWARD:**

1. **CERTIFICATE** to be awarded to winner.
2. **Cash Award: \$500**
3. Name of finalist to be placed on permanent plaque located at the:  
Hayward Resource Center  
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service  
15 Cranberry Highway  
West Wareham, MA 02576

**SEND ESSAY TO:** Howard M. & Mary C. Hayward Memorial Scholarship Committee  
c/o The Pilgrim RC&D Area Council, Inc.  
15 Cranberry Highway  
West Wareham, MA 02576-1504  
ATTN: Irene Winkler, USDA-NRCS Coordinator  
Ph: 508 295 1317 X130  
Fx: 508 291 2368

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED BY May 1, 2009**



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**HOWARD M. AND MARY C. HAYWARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
COVER SHEET**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College of Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected College Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions**

- ✓ Applicant must return this completed cover sheet with the essay.
- ✓ Essay must be the work of the individual submitting the essay.
- ✓ Essay is limited to two pages double-spaced (but must be at least 500 words long).
- ✓ Essay should be written on one of the six topics provided.
- ✓ Essay must be received by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- ✓ Upon notification of winning, the scholarship recipient must submit their college acceptance letter to the Pilgrim RC&D Area Council, Inc. before check is dispersed. (please see address/fax above)

***Thank You!***

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