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TENTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The Pilgrim Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Council, Inc. will again offer a \$500 scholarship for a winning essay related to agriculture and/or aquaculture, conservation, or natural resources in Massachusetts.

Each year, the Pilgrim RC&D Area Council, Inc. awards a scholarship in the name of the late Howard M. and Mary C. Hayward who were outstanding Massachusetts' farmers, practicing conservationists and devoted environmentalists.

Any graduating senior in the Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties who will be pursuing further education in agriculture or a related science is eligible.

The six essay topics to choose from are: the importance of agriculture and/or aquaculture; conservation of soil and water; environmental and/or watershed protection; importance of management and conservation of natural resources; managing natural resource conservation and economic development issues in your community; or a real life situation.

The essay must be the work of the individual submitting the essay and must include a cover page with the following information: name, address, date, name of high school, and expected college major. All essays

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are limited to two pages double-spaced (but must be at least 500 words long) and must be received by Friday, April 11th, 2008. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Scholarship Committee in c/o The Pilgrim RC&D Area Council, 15 Cranberry Highway, West Wareham, MA 02576 or 508-295-1317 ext. 131.

The Pilgrim RC&D Area Council, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to natural resource protection in a way that improves the local economy and environment. The RC&D program is a program of the United States Department of Agriculture that consists of 368 councils nationwide. Each RC&D council is organized and directed by local people who identify local needs. Once identified, RC&D councils help solve challenges in communities of environmental, human and economic concern.

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