

Mary S. Burt Envirothon Scholarship



Who was Mary Burt?

Mary Burt served as the District Manager for the St. Charles County Soil & Water Conservation District for more than 26 years, until her retirement in April of 2009. She was a founding member of the Missouri State Envirothon and the chair of the St. Louis Regional Envirothon.



Mary became involved at all levels of the competition, and worked closely with organizers, test writers, trainers, advisors and students. She especially enjoyed working with the students and

operated on the premise that the Envirothon “kids” are the natural resource professionals of the future. She expected her “kids” to study hard and perform well, and she encouraged them to pursue careers in environmental fields.

Near the end of her service to the SWCD, Mary became seriously ill due to recurring breast cancer which eventually spread to other areas of her body. She became tired and weak and reduced her work hours and commitments, but still attended a State Envirothon (despite the pain it took to ride in the car for a considerable distance).



Mary succumbed to the cancer in November of 2009, just over 6 months after her retirement. During her final days at home, her family made the decision to establish this scholarship fund, and while she was not able to respond, her sisters said that they are sure Mary heard and understood that the fund would help Envirothon students who wanted to go to college.

That would have greatly pleased Mary!

How do I apply for the scholarship?

The Missouri State Envirothon Committee will post the scholarship application and deadlines on the website: <http://www.moenvirothon.org>. Regions across Missouri will announce the scholarship to team advisors and students during the regional events.

How much money is the scholarship?

At this time (August 2010) the scholarship amount is \$250. The amount is subject to change at the discretion of the Missouri State Envirothon Committee.

How can the money be used?

The scholarship will be awarded to one student each year. The check will be made out to the college for which the student is enrolled, and the money may be used for any college expense (tuition, books, meals, housing, etc.)

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Scholarship Application Information

One scholarship in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to an Envirothon student entering college to study Natural Sciences, Forestry, Agriculture or a related field.

Qualifications for Applicants:

- Applicant must be a participant or past-participant in a Regional or State Envirothon in Missouri.
- Applicant must be a Missouri resident.
- Applicant must be a senior in high school with intentions of pursuing secondary education in a natural resources related field.
- Applicant must be a full-time student.
- Applicant must have a letter of Envirothon participation verification from either a regional committee or the state committee. (Simply state that the student participated in an Envirothon event, including the dates and locations of participation)
- Applicant will supply a letter from their Envirothon team advisor describing the applicant's strongest qualities as a potential specialist in natural resources management and conservation.
- Applicant will supply a one-page typed summary of his/her Envirothon experience, **and** his/her plans for the future.
- Applications will be reviewed based on information provided at time of application.
- *All applications must be submitted by March 30.*
- Review committee will review all applications in April.
- The recipient will be chosen by the State Envirothon Committee.
- All applicants will be contacted by mail on the status of their application. The awarded check (made out to the student's school/university) will be sent to the student.