

National Recycling Coalition's Murray J. Fox Scholarship 2018 Recipients



The Murray J. Fox Scholarship Fund was created in 1994, when the long-time member of the NRC started a fund to provide scholarships to college students interested in recycling. Dozens of students have benefited from Murray's support. Many are making valuable contributions in the industry. Murray past-away earlier this year. A tribute to him is posted at the NRC's Campus Council web page.

This year, three outstanding Saint Louis area college students will receive scholarships in addition to registration for the Resource Recycling Conference, 10/22-24/2018 as well as membership in the Coalition's Emerging Leaders program.

Blake Estes
University of Missouri - St. Louis
Program of Study Graphic Design, Junior



Blake's interest in recycling and sustainable materials management and what he hopes to gain by attending the conference:

Graphic design may seem like a strange direction to pursue when it comes to having a passion for sustainability and recycling, but I believe that the way these messages are carried to others is a very important part of sustainability overall. While not pursuing the cause in a direct way, I want to work to be able to convey the passion and importance of the cause, and of our future, to everyone around who may not be informed, or may not recognize that importance. I currently work for the sustainability department at UMSL assisting with marketing and communications, creating and writing documentation about issues and events in regard to UMSL's sustainability effort on-campus and off-campus. Unfortunately, at times, I do feel a little out of place in the field without having all of my studies dedicated to something such as environmental science, so I do my best to attend and participate in conferences and events to keep myself informed, continually learning about ongoing issues and pursuits in regards to the environment and our future. For this reason, I would be absolutely honored to gain entrance to the conference, and further my education through the events hosted at the Resource Recycling Conference. Throughout my career pursuit I've always given thought to what sounds like the most beneficial and fulfilling to humanity, and what could be more fulfilling than dedicating my work and future to making sure the future of the human race is preserved, and hopefully improved, for generations to come?

Rebecca Roth
Westminster College

Environmental Science, Senior

Rebecca's interest in recycling and sustainable materials management and what she hopes to gain by attending the conference:

I first discovered my interest in sustainability and recycling as a young child when my mother would take my sister and me to the recycling center to sort out our bag of various recyclables. At first it was just a game but I soon realized the impact recycling has over sending all those materials to a landfill. I have also always been an avid recycler and encourage others to do so as well. Now I am a senior at Westminster College in Fulton, MO where I am majoring in environmental science and minoring in geology. In college, I live in a townhouse with 5 other students where I manage the recyclable materials including glass. This summer 2018, I took a position working as an intern for the Missouri State Recycling Program where I have learned that there is so much more to recycling than just throwing a soda can in a blue bin. I have learned a wide range of knowledge such as which materials can and cannot be recycled, the markets available to purchase/sell these collected materials, and every step in between! I am grateful for this experience and all it has taught me about the recycling industry as a whole and at the state level. I just think the concept of recycling is incredible considering the amount of materials we save from landfills and how they can also generate a profit! I hope to build on my knowledge of recycling at the conference and one day apply it to a career in conservation when I graduate from Westminster College.



Elyse Seibel
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Graphic Design, Junior

Elyse's interest in recycling and sustainable materials management and what she hopes to gain by attending the conference:

I am interested in recycling and living sustainably because I believe it is our responsibility as humans to preserve our planet's environment. In my day-to-day life I engage in a low impact or "zero waste" lifestyle by utilizing reusable items (such as bamboo cutlery, a stainless steel thermos and straw, and reusable produce bags). And if it is not reusable, I opt for always purchasing items in recyclable packaging (often times I will reuse the packaging for other things



before recycling). Also, at my university I am employed in the office of sustainability on campus to help spread the message and to help promote an eco-friendly environment on campus. I promote events and articles that help to encourage others to help conserve our planet by reducing, reusing and recycling whenever possible on a daily basis.

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About the National Recycling Coalition's Campus Council:

The NRC established the Campus Council in 2015 to meet the need for stronger linkages between higher ed and the SMM industry. Degree programs, career services, applied research/technology transfer, and relationships with recycling leaders are examples of the opportunities the Campus Council develops between on-campus and off-campus groups.

The NRC's Campus Council is guided by recommendations in a White Paper to the EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Summit in 2015. Higher ed leaders and industry professionals advise the group, which meets annually at the Resource Recycling Conference,

For more information about the NRC's Campus Council, visit: www.nrcrecycles.org/campus or e-mail: CampusCouncil@NRCrecycles.org