



## **2015 Leadership in Sustainability**

**Sustainable Cherry Hill's Mission: "Bringing people together to build a sustainable South Jersey"**

Sustainable Cherry Hill (SCH), an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization, strives to continuously tap Cherry Hill and the surrounding region's greatest resource - its people- in order to shift to a sustainable way of life. We do this through hosting educational events, networking opportunities, supporting community-based task forces and acting as a general clearing house for information on sustainability news and events. We provide a structure for people at all levels to work together to pursue their passions and use their unique skills and networks in service of a more sustainable community.

SCH is a community group in that our approach to sustainability recognizes that everyone making small changes results in big differences collectively. As such, it is critical that we establish and nurture relationships with all area stakeholders, including government, schools, businesses, faith groups, other community groups and individuals from all over South Jersey. While grassroots efforts are important, large-scale change requires leadership from governments and corporations. An educated and empowered populace can put pressure on these entities from the ground up.

### **Eligibility**

**The Sustainable Cherry Hill Green Leader Scholarship is offered** to graduating high school seniors who are residents of Camden County, New Jersey who are seeking to pursue post-secondary education in sustainability, a field that supports sustainable living, or those seeking to be change agents in the world around them. Up to three scholarships of \$500 are available and will be awarded in spring 2015. The scholarship must be used toward an educational pursuit and is a one-time award.

Family members of the Sustainable Cherry Executive Board members are ineligible for this award.

### **Application Requirements**

Along with a completed application and signed release, each applicant shall provide the following materials. All application materials, with the exception of recommendation letters, shall be typed and presented in a readable 12 point font:

#### **Academic Accomplishment and Work Experience**

In a **one page** resume, briefly describe your academic coursework, including awards, honors, and extra-curricular activities. Include your work and/or civic volunteer experience.

#### **Personal Statement**

In either 250 words or less in an essay or a two-minute video, please answer the following question:

***"How have you made (or will you make) an impact on sustainability or sustainable living in your life?"***

#### **Recommendation Letters**

Each application must include at least one (1) personal, professional, or academic recommendation of 150 words or less. This may be typed or handwritten. Recommendation letter should include contact information of the individual offering the recommendation.