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John F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund 2014

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Purpose...

The John F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund is established to provide financial assistance to students seeking to enter college and pursue a course of study in a natural resource field in the memory of John F. Wilson.

John F. Wilson served as the first District Conservationist for the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District after being established in 1949. John dedicated twenty-eight years of his life to assisting the agricultural and urban communities with their conservation needs until his retirement in 1978.

Scholarship Awards...

The Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District will annually award \$500 scholarships to high school graduates pursuing or college students majoring in a natural resource field. Scholarships are for one year. Candidates will be evaluated on academic achievement, involvement in community activities and course of study.

Evaluation...

Evaluation of applicants will be based on:

1. Academic performance
2. Organizational participation and leadership potential
3. Community Service
4. Financial plans and resources
5. Completeness of application
6. Natural resource course of study



Applications for the John Wilson Memorial Scholarship are available at the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District office and can be downloaded at the District's web site at <http://www.ashtabulaswcd.org/> Application submittal deadline is April 4, 2014.

Established October 1997

By the Ashtabula Soil and Water
Conservation District and the
John F. Wilson Family

To

Promote the philosophy of natural
resource management and positive stewardship toward our
Environment into the future

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Special Points of Interest

Jan.	1 New Years Holiday
Jan.	9 Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ office
Feb.	13 Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ office
March	13 Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ office
March	28 Order Deadline Tree Seedlings
April	4 Wilson Scholarship Deadline
April	11-12 Tree Seedling Pick-up Days
April	10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ office
April	17 Fish Sale Pick-up 9:30-10:30 am

ASHTABULA SWCD

39 Wall Street Jefferson, Ohio 44047

2014 TREE SEEDLING SALE

Orders for the year 2014 Tree Seedling Sale will be accepted through Friday March 28, 2014 or until supplies are exhausted. Orders are taken on a first come, first served basis. *We are not responsible for packets not picked up on time. There are no refunds on orders of seedlings not picked up. Those orders not picked up by the following Monday will become a donation. Any unspoken for seedlings will be available for purchase on Monday.*

All orders must be picked up at the District Office between **8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday April 11th or between 8:00 am -10:00 am Saturday April 12th.** Full payment must accompany all orders. Please make payments to "Ashtabula SWCD". *All nursery stock sold through the Ashtabula SWCD is sold "as is" without warranty, expressed or implied as to quality, variety, description, or results from customer planting. Bare root nursery stock is perishable. All orders should be immediately and carefully taken to planting site to ensure the highest percent of survival as possible. Extra measures should be taken to avoid exposure to sun and wind while planting. All sales are final with no guarantee of survival.*

Packet 1- White Pine: (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (7"-11") Excellent for windbreak and hedges.

Packet 2- Colorado blue spruce: (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (7"-10") Used for landscape, windbreaks, reforestation and Christmas trees

Packet 3- Norway spruce: (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (8"-12") Used for Christmas trees, ornamentals, timber and windbreaks.

Packet 4- Scotch pine: (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (12"-16") Hardy, short needle, blue-green.

Packet 5- White Spruce: (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (6"-10") Thrives in well drained or moist soil. It can endure heat and drought better than others. Extremely hardy and grows to 50 ft. Stiff needles are light bluish-green usually less than 1" in length.

Packet 6- Canadian Hemlock: (10 per pkt.) 4-year seedlings (8"-12") Likes moist well-drained soil. Grows 70 feet; spreads 35'.

Packet 7- Pin Oak: (5 per pkt) 2-yr (12"-18") Native tree with fast growth 75' in good soil. Acorns are good wildlife food. Excellent specimen as a lawn tree. Will tolerate wet soil but prefers moist rich, acidic well drained soil.

Packet 8- Sawtooth Oak: (5 per pkt.) 2-yr seedling (12"-18") Grows 40-60 feet and as wide. Gobbler acorns are smaller than regular Sawtooth strains, but produce twice as many nuts. Acorns are excellent food for wildlife. Disease and insect resistant.

Packet 9- Sugar Maple: (5 per pkt.) 2-yr seedling (6'-10") Brilliant yellow, burnt orange and limited red tones in autumn, does not do well in wet areas.

Packet 10- Red Oak: (5 per pkt.) 1-yr seedling (10"-14") Growth 60 -70 feet. Fastest growing of all Oaks.

CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM HALF OF ORDER FORM

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

E-Mail Address _____

*optional - provide e-mail address if you would like to receive future order forms via e-mail

____ OF PACKET 1 @ \$14.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 6 @ \$16.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 2 @ \$12.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 7 @ \$ 9.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 3 @ \$13.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 8 @ \$ 9.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 4 @ \$13.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 8 @ \$ 9.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 5 @ \$16.00 EA FOR \$ _____

____ OF PACKET 10 @ \$8.00 EA FOR \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ _____

CASH _____ CHECK# _____ RECEIVED BY _____ DATE RECEIVED _____ REC

2014 FISH ORDER FORM
Ashtabula S.W.C.D.
39 Wall Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047
(440) 576-4946

The District will be selling fish for stocking ponds beginning December as a service to its landowners. These fish come healthy and ready to be gently placed in your pond; *we can not guarantee that they will all survive.*

The fish truck will come to the Ashtabula County Fair Grounds (west parking lot by horse barns) on **Thursday, April 17, 2014 between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**, *as there will be no notification sent to remind you of the pick-up day and time.* On pick-up day, please bring a clean container of your own pond water. You must bring one 5-gallon bucket per 50 fish ordered. For white Amur, bring one 5-gallon for every two Amurs ordered. For all fish, line each container with an UNSCENTED, HEAVY DUTY garbage bag, and fill containers 3/4 full with water and tie bag shut but be able to untie when arrive. Let us know if you will be driving more than 30 minutes on your way home.

All orders should be made by Monday, April 14th; payment must accompany your order. All fish must be picked up at this time; we cannot hold or deliver your fish for you. **NO REFUNDS ON FISH NOT PICKED UP.** Make checks payable to **ASHTABULA SWCD.**

CLIP HERE AND KEEP TOP HALF

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip-code _____ Phone _____

_____ 2"-3" Largemouth Bass @ \$0.85 = _____

_____ 2"-4" Bluegill @ \$0.75 = _____

_____ 4"-5" Channel Catfish @ \$0.75 = _____

_____ 1"-2" Fathead Minnows @ \$7.00/100 = _____

_____ 2"-3" Perch @ \$0.80 = _____

_____ 10"-12" Triploid White Amur @ \$14.00 = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

I will be driving more than 30 minutes on my return trip ___ YES ___ NO

County where Amur will be stocked _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ Received By _____ Date Received _____ Receipt # _____

**Optional E-mail Address to Receive Future
Notifications by e-mail** _____

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Hours of Operation: Monday thru Thursday 8:00am—4:30 pm

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Nathan Paskey-District Manager/Technician
Jim Welker-District Technician/Education Coordinator

Popular Farm Bill conservation program seeks producer participation

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments for federal fiscal year 2014. Starting today through January 17, 2014, producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS.

“Through the Conservation Stewardship Program, farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners are going the extra mile to conserve our nation's resources,” NRCS Chief Jason Weller said. “Through their conservation actions, they are ensuring that their operations are more productive and sustainable over the long run.”

The CSP is an important Farm Bill conservation program that helps established conservation stewards with taking their level of natural resource management to the next level to improve both their agricultural production and provide valuable conservation benefits such as cleaner and more abundant water, as well as healthier soils and better wildlife habitat.

CSP is now in its fifth year and so far, NRCS has partnered with producers to enroll more than 59 million acres across the nation. The program emphasizes conservation performance — producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types.

Learn more about CSP by visiting the [NRCS website](#) or by contacting the local NRCS office in Orwell @ 440-437-5888.

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