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**Hardwood Forest Foundation to Award \$15,500 Through  
Educator Scholarship Program**

MEMPHIS, TENN. – The Hardwood Forest Foundation announces today that it is accepting applications for its Educator Scholarship Program.

This program assists future teachers with the costs of attending college. In 2009, the Foundation will award one \$1,500 scholarship and 14 \$1,000 scholarships.

“The Foundation’s goal is to teach the public about hardwood trees, forests and the importance of sustainable forest management. By providing these scholarships, the Foundation seeks to better equip young teachers with the knowledge and tools to teach children that harvesting trees is not always harmful to the environment,” said Crystal Oldham, Executive Director of the Foundation.

“The Foundation’s purpose is to give the public a new pair of eyes to see and understand the forest and the trees. It provides science-based truthful messages about the benefits of multiple-use forestry to educators,” Oldham added.

In 2008, the Foundation awarded nine \$1,000 scholarships to future educators across the United States and Canada. The Foundation is increasing the number of scholarships this year to attract more applicants. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in a senior level or above college education program.

Applications are available online at [www.hardwoodforest.org](http://www.hardwoodforest.org) and are due Jan. 16, 2009.

Founded in 1989, the Foundation, a 501c3 organization, has been involved in a variety of educational programs and activities throughout the United States and Canada. Since its creation, NHLA has supported its efforts and hosted its office in the NHLA headquarters, located in Memphis.

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