

**Past recipients of Rocky River Trout Unlimited funds
through the NC Wildlife Federation Scholarship Program**

2014-15 Award Winner: TBD early 2014

2013-14 Award Winner: **Ethan Jacob Greene**, Raleigh. Greene is a senior at North Carolina State University majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife and Conservation Biology with a minor in Plant Biology. His career aspirations are to learn to understand ecological relationships between wildlife and their surroundings and help protect and mitigate conflicts for the protection of biodiversity and natural resources. He hopes to work as a conservation biologist and land manager.

2012-13 Award Winner: **Patrick Cooney**, Raleigh. Cooney is a graduate student at North Carolina State University in the Fisheries and Wildlife Management program. He has known since he was 5 years old that he wanted to be a fisheries biologist. Between high school and undergraduate schooling, he worked at a fish hatchery, learning how to breed and raise trout, then stocking them and then watching to enjoy the benefits of his hard work. He then began working on a project that estimates the number of largemouth bass being harvested by recreational anglers in reservoirs.

2011-12 Award Winner: **Tonya Poole**. Poole is working towards her Masters in Environmental Education at Montreat College. After teaching in the public school system, she took a job with NC Wildlife Resources Commission as a regional education specialist. She is passionate about developing quality curricula for teachers to help them meet the state standards and to get students excited about the natural world.

2010-11 Award Winner: **Sarah Fritts**, Raleigh. A Ph D graduate student at North Carolina State University, Sarah is in the Fisheries & Wildlife/Statistics programs developing woody biomass harvesting guidelines for conserving wildlife. She is interested in finding way to minimize negative effects of energy consumption on wildlife populations.

2009-10 Award Winner: **Amy Raybuck**, Cary. A Masters graduate student at North Carolina State University, Amy is in the Fisheries and Wildlife Management program focusing on wildlife population responses to silvicultural practices aimed at oak regeneration in the Southern Appalachians.

2008-09 Award Winner: **Brad J. Carey**, Durham. A graduate student at North Carolina State University, Carey is in the Fisheries and Wildlife Management program's cooperative work program as a Natural Resource Specialist – Student Trainee with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Carey works on shore stabilization and bald eagle nesting projects at Jordan Lake.

Note: Rocky River Trout Unlimited began providing small scholarships to two (2) Fisheries Management students a Haywood Technical Institute in the late 1980s. This program continued into the mid-1990s.

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