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### **Hardwood Forest Foundation Awards \$15,500 in College Scholarships**

MEMPHIS, TENN. – The Hardwood Forest Foundation announces today that it has awarded \$15,500 in college scholarships through its Educator Scholarship Program.

“The Educator Scholarship Program is designed to assist future teachers with their college education, as well as provide them with the materials needed to properly teach their students about the forest products industry and the benefits of properly managed forests,” said Charley Fiala, of GMC Hardwoods in Long Beach, Calif. and Chairperson of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

Fifteen future educators were selected from a pool of 415 applicants. They are as follows:

- **Brittany Horne- \$1,500:** The College of New Jersey- Ewing, N.J.
- **Jennifer Fuller Allen- \$1,000:** Appalachian State University- Boone, N.C.
- **Melissa Carmack- \$1,000:** Virginia Commonwealth University- Richmond, Va.
- **Allison Durussel- \$1,000:** Grand Valley State University- Grand Rapids, Mich.
- **Sarah Echols- \$1,000:** Indiana University- Bloomington, Ind.
- **Ariel Golan- \$1,000:** Rowan University- Glassboro, N.J.
- **Mona Hammad- \$1,000:** University of Maryland- College Park, Md.
- **Laura Hooten- \$1,000:** University of North Carolina- Greensboro, N.C.
- **Jill Immink- \$1,000:** Hope College- Holland, Mich.
- **Tajuana Malone- \$1,000:** Crichton College- Memphis, Tenn.
- **Katie Marceron- \$1,000:** Drexel University- Philadelphia, Pa.
- **Tara Maxson- \$1,000:** University of Denver- Denver, Colo.
- **Cathleen Tinder- \$1,000:** Indian River State College- Fort Pierce, Fla.
- **Karen Underwood- \$1,000:** Wright State University- Dayton, Ohio
- **Jessica Whatley- \$1,000:** Albany State University- Albany, Ga.

To learn more about the Educator Scholarship Program, please visit [www.hardwoodforest.org](http://www.hardwoodforest.org).

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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