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Call for Applicants - Ontario County Casella Environmental Scholarships

The Ontario County Board of Supervisors announced they will award Casella Environmental Waste Management academic scholarships to qualified Ontario County college students who are pursuing majors in environmental studies, agriculture or agricultural business including waste management. The Application deadline is March 31, 2009 at 5 p.m. Applications are available through the Ontario County website at www.co.ontario.ny.us and the W-FL BOCES website at www.wflboces.org on the Scholarship Opportunities Quick Link.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc. has established this 20-year fund to support scholarships to encourage students to pursue college-level studies and careers in the fields of environmental studies, agriculture and waste management. Geoffrey Astles, Ontario County Administrator said, "This scholarship is one way our citizenry benefits from the public/private partnership we have with Casella Waste Systems."

Each scholarship recipient will receive \$2,500. Joseph Marinelli, District Superintendent of Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, which serves as the scholarship coordinating agency said, "We are pleased to collaborate with The Ontario County government and Casella Waste Systems to facilitate this academic scholarship program supporting careers in the environmental, agriculture and waste management fields."

Each scholarship recipient will be chosen by a team of reviewers from Finger Lakes Community College, Hobart & William Smith Colleges and W-FL BOCES. Recipients are chosen for their outstanding academic records and for essays written showing his or her dedication to a career that will support the environment.

College or college-bound students who reside in Ontario County who are interested in applying for the 2009-2010 Casella Waste Management Scholarships are directed to view the requirements on the Ontario County website or the W-FL BOCES website. Applicants must complete the application including all attachments, obtain the necessary references and forward materials to Chris Semler, Grants Coordinator, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, 131 Drumlin Court, Newark, NY 14513. Applications and references must be postmarked by March 31, 2009. If you have any questions, contact Chris Semler at 315-332-7439 or email at csemler@wflboces.org

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