

## The Frank Gheesling Save Georgia's Hemlocks Scholarship

**Description:** Save Georgia's Hemlocks is a 100% volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of concerned citizens dedicated to saving endangered hemlocks through education and charitable service. It is their vision that through their efforts of preservation, conservation and restoration, there will be a healthy population of hemlocks in Georgia for future generations. The purpose of the Save Georgia's Hemlocks Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to college students pursuing specific areas of study and career goals related to forestry or forest health with a particular focus on hemlock preservation.

**Purpose:** The Frank Gheesling Save Georgia's Hemlocks Scholarship at the University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources provides support to a student with a demonstrated interest in supporting hemlock preservation.

**Criteria:** Warnell Graduate Student or Undergraduate Professional Student in good standing who demonstrates an interest in a career in forestry, forest health, or a related area specifically supporting hemlock preservation; Must be enrolled fulltime: 12 hours for both fall and spring semesters.

**Amount:** \$1,000 (distributed over two semesters – fall: \$500 and spring: \$500)

**Selection Process:** Students may apply through the Warnell annual scholarship applications process. The Warnell Honors and Awards Committee will select recipient based on criteria set by donor. Students must submit Letter of Interest and be recommended by faculty advisor, instructor, or employer. Recipient will be notified by the Warnell School of the award they received along with a description of the scholarship.

**Disbursement:** Recipient will be selected in the spring and financial award will be disbursed in the following academic year by the UGA Office of Financial Aid to the student's UGA account.

**Reporting:** The Warnell School will notify the Chairman of Save Georgia's Hemlocks of the recipient. Additionally, the Warnell School will provide the Chairman with a student profile and message of gratitude from the recipient. Save Georgia's Hemlocks may report to its members and supporters the award amounts given and number of students assisted while respecting the confidentiality of individual student recipient.

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