Essay Contest and Scholarship Award 2026

Poolesville Green, Inc. offers one $500 scholarship award to a Poolesville High School or area resident private school senior who demonstrates a commitment to our vision, *"Building sustainability together."* Seniors are invited to submit a written response to the following prompt:

> *"Poolesville High School is a certified Green School. The town of Poolesville has been designated as a Sustainable Maryland Certified Community. What new community project or activity would you propose to increase environmental stewardship by high school students and/or town residents?"*

Submission Guidelines:

- Essay should not exceed 500 words and should reflect thoughtful, creative scholarship on the concept/implementation of local sustainability, green living, zero waste, low carbon footprint, or other concepts related to sustainable living.
- Submissions must represent original content. Citations are necessary if the intellectual property of others is included.
- The essay should be submitted electronically to Contact@Poolesville.Green. Please include the school you are currently attending in your contact information.
- Due date: April 10, 2026 by NOON.

All essays will be read and judged on:

- Originality of idea
- Feasibility and likelihood of implementation
- Relationship to the school and community

The Poolesville Green, Inc. Board of Directors will select the winning entry. The award(s) to PHS students will be presented at the Poolesville High School Awards Ceremony in May 2026. **Winner will receive $500.**

The winner will be publicized on the Poolesville Green, Inc. web site. Students who submit an essay agree to the publication of the essay in digital and print media such as the Poolesville Green, Inc. web site and The Monocacy Monocle.

The scholarship award will be mailed or given directly to the student and parent/guardian in the form of a check.