

# The Washington State Regional Fisheries Coalition



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## Paul G. Ancich Memorial Scholarship



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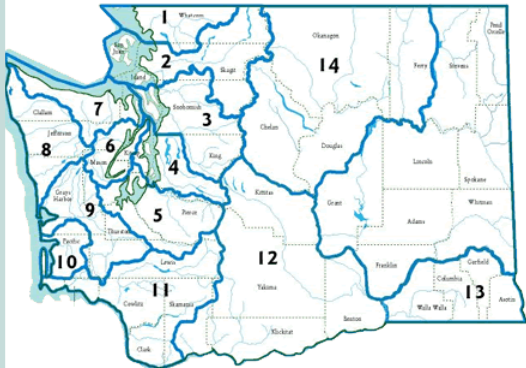
**The Paul G. Ancich Memorial Scholarship** established in 2011 by the Washington State Regional Fisheries Coalition in honor of Paul G. Ancich, a dedicated coalition member, lifelong commercial fisherman and a passionate advocate towards the preservation of wild salmon.

### Who We Are:

The Regional Fisheries Coalition represents 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEG's) within Washington State. The RFEG's collectively work to rebuild salmon populations, and restore and protect salmon habitat within their regions. Through federal, state, county, tribal and community partners, RFEGs play an important role in local salmon restoration, monitoring and education.

#### **Region**    **Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups**

- 1    **Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association**
- 2    **Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group**
- 3    **Sound Salmon Solutions**
- 4    Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
- 5    **South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group**
- 6    **Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group**
- 7    **North Olympic Salmon Coalition**
- 8    Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition
- 9    Chelalis Basin Fisheries Task Force
- 10    Willapa Bay Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group
- 11    Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group
- 12    Mid-Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group
- 13    **Tri-State Steelheaders Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group**
- 14    Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group



### The Scholarship Selection Process:

This perpetual scholarship, is designed to support the aspirations of students with goals of a natural science profession within Washington State.

In 2018, seven of the fourteen RFEG's participating in this scholarship opportunity are the **Nooksack SEA, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Sound Salmon Solutions, South Puget Sound SEG, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, Tri-State Steelheaders RFEG and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group.**

Interested individuals from these seven regions (1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 13) are to submit their scholarship application by **April 1, 2018**. After April 1, these seven RFEG organization will review their area applicants and submit one qualified application to the WA RFEG Coalition scholarship committee. The RFEG Coalition scholarship committee will then review the top applicants from each region and make the final award selection by **May 4, 2018**.

**Application Deadline: April 1st (postmarked)**



## Who is Eligible:

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student residing in the watersheds served by RFEF regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 13, who are accepted to a two or four year college or university, or a current college undergraduate student attending a two or four year college or university that graduated from a high school in RFEF regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 13. Student must have plans to major in environmental/natural science, fisheries, biology, ecology, hydrology or related field. Note: the watershed served by RFEF region 13 extends into Oregon.

## Scholarship Award:

The Paul G. Ancich Memorial Scholarship will be awarded by the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Coalition in the amount of \$1,400 and will be paid directly to the college/university of the awarded recipient's choice.

## Criteria for Selection:

1. A high school senior within Washington or Oregon State with an acceptance letter to a two or four year college or university, or a current college student within Washington State; with a course of study leading to a major in environmental science, fisheries, biology, ecology, hydrology or related field.
2. Participation in a community or personal project that enhances, protects or restores wild salmon.
3. An essay, describing your perspective of wild salmon within the Pacific Northwest watersheds and how restoration activities may be beneficial.
4. Grades will be considered, but in context of demonstrated involvement and future goals related to the natural resource professions.

## A Completed Application Consists of:

1. A cover letter including the applicant's contact information, *a) Describe any participation or involvement in salmon-related issues. (b) What is your relationship with your local Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group?*
2. All high school and college transcripts.
3. A one page essay (refer to #3 under "Criteria for Selection")
4. A letter of acceptance from a college or university you plan to attend in the fall (*high school seniors only*).
5. A letter of reference.

## Send Completed Applications to:

*Application Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup> (postmarked)*

Applicants should submit applications to their local participating regional fishery enhancement group (1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 13). Please visit [www.regionalfisheriescoalition.org](http://www.regionalfisheriescoalition.org) to locate the regional fisheries enhancement group contact information.