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NJMSC Angling for Applicants for New Fisheries and Aquaculture Scholarship

(Sandy Hook, NJ).....The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium and its New Jersey Sea Grant College Program have opened the application phase for the Stew Tweed Fisheries and Aquaculture Scholarships. The scholarship program, will perpetuate the memory of Stew Tweed, a long-time Marine Extension Agent for New Jersey who passed away one year ago this week. The annual awards will be given to one graduating high-school or vocational school senior and one undergraduate or graduate student pursuing studies, careers or research focused on aquaculture or fisheries.

The scholarship fund was officially announced at a special ceremony in Cape May last October. Stew's twenty-seven years of service to New Jersey's commercial fishing industry and his contributions toward reviving the state's oyster populations were recognized by New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus and Senator Jeff Van Drew (District 1). Beginning in early April, the scholarship applications will be reviewed by a committee represented by appointees from the private sector, government and education.

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The scholarships, valued at \$1,000 and \$1,500, will be awarded in mid-May. Award recipients will be announced during the NJMSC Annual State of the Shore Media event on Thursday, May 22 at The Seagull's Nest on Sandy Hook.

The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium is an affiliation of colleges, universities and public sector groups dedicated to advancing greater knowledge of New Jersey's marine and coastal environment. NJMSC meets its mission through innovative research, education and outreach designed to address coastal sustainability and ecosystem health, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, marine technology, science based management and science literacy. For more information and downloadable applications for the Stew Tweed Scholarship Fund, visit the News and Events Page at njmsc.org.

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