

Contact: Jan Ross
Executive Director
Newton Marasco Foundation
703-748-7575
jan@newtonmarascofoundation.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Newton Marasco Foundation Announces
2006 Virginia Environmental Stewardship Scholarship**

ABINGDON, VIRGINIA (May 2006) — The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) has awarded Amber Hickman, a graduating senior from Abingdon High School, a \$500 Environmental Stewardship Scholarship. Ms. Hickman plans to attend Virginia Highlands Community College for two years and then transfer to Emory and Henry College. She competed with other students in Washington County for this award.

To be eligible for the NMF Environmental Stewardship Scholarship, students must be high school seniors graduating in spring 2006 and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 through the first semester of their senior year. Students must also have applied to a two- or four-year college or vocational/technical school and provide an acceptance letter and proof of registration; demonstrate an interest in pursuing an education in an environment-related field; and have participated in a volunteer or community service activity in the past four years.

About the Newton Marasco Foundation:

NMF is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire responsible environmental stewardship. NMF designs innovative programs that foster learning, appreciation and caring for our natural environment. We collaborate, partner and educate to promote awareness and responsibility for the environment by individuals, schools, businesses and communities. We teach the ethos of environmental stewardship, educate and inform companies on sustainable green business practices and environmental ethics, and we promote the conservation and restoration of unique community ecosystems and habitats. We conduct award programs that encourage consideration of and responsibility for environmental stewardship. We recognize and reward small deeds and great acts that promote environmental awareness and further sustainable, environmental solutions.