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**Newton Marasco Foundation Announces  
2005 Virginia Environmental Studies Scholarship**

ABINGDON, VIRGINIA (May 23, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. at Abingdon High School) — The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) will present Jeremy Rouse, a graduating senior from Abingdon High School, a \$500 Environmental Studies Scholarship. Mr. Rouse will attend East Tennessee State University in the fall to study Environmental Health. He competed nationally for this award.

NMF offered scholarships to graduating high school students who intend to pursue educations and careers in the field of environmental studies. Scholarships are a cash award that can be used for the purchase of books and materials, payment of school fees, and other institutional costs associated with higher education. NMF is a nonprofit, volunteer organization whose mission is to collaboratively work to solve environmental, housing, and education problems.

**About the Newton Marasco Foundation:**

Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to work collaboratively on issues related to environmental stewardship through the areas of education and greening. We are national, headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia, with chapters in numerous states and the US Virgin Islands. We aspire to ignite the energy and passion that is embodied by our youth—to teach the ethos of environmental stewardship and to make our children more aware of the fragile nature of their local ecosystems and the role each of us can play in nurturing, protecting, and defending it. We educate and inform companies on sustainable green business practices and promote energy-efficient practices in housing, from design to home living, especially for lower income families.