

MEDIA RELEASE

Environmental Leader from East Elgin earns Conservation Scholarship

Tillsonburg, Ontario - The Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee and Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) has named its 2017 recipient of the Leighton and Betty Brown Scholarship.

Alysha Chilcott of East Elgin Secondary School was this year's selected recipient. Her impressive resume includes a high academic average of 90%, over 550 volunteer hours, as well as, having taken multiple environmental classes.

"Alysha was also a member of East Elgin's Environmental Leadership Program and has earned multiple certifications," said Lee Brown Committee Chair Tom Haskett. "I am sure she will continue to impress at the University of Guelph this fall where she will be studying Wildlife Biology & Conservation."

"The quality of students receiving this award continues to be outstanding," said LPRCA Chair Noel Haydt. "Better yet, a number of these scholarship winners are bringing their skillsets and passion for the environment back to this region after their post-secondary educations have concluded."

The Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee in conjunction with LPRCA has awarded the Conservation Scholarship annually for the past ten years. It was established by the hunting community to honour Leighton Brown, the former LPRCA employee and his wife Betty for their many years of service. To qualify for the Scholarship the applicant must be a graduating high school student living within the LPRCA watershed. They must be continuing their post secondary studies in a conservation-related field based on their academic achievement and a demonstrated interest and involvement with the environment.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to check out LPRCA's website (lprca.on.ca) in early 2018 for details on how to apply.

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