

# The Washington State Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Coalition



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## Paul G. Ancich

### Memorial Scholarship



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Supporting and advocating for the RFEGs' mission to protect, restore and enhance the salmonid resources of Washington State

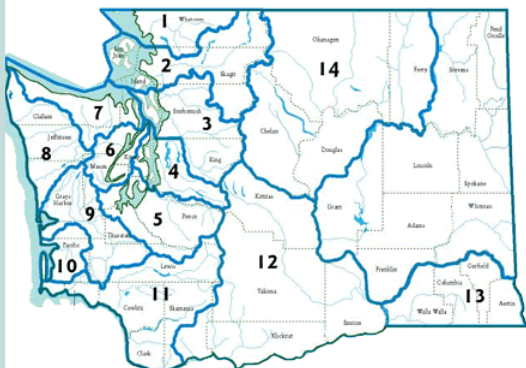
**The Paul G. Ancich Memorial Scholarship** established in 2011 by the Washington State Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Coalition in honor of Paul G. Ancich, a dedicated coalition member, lifelong commercial fisherman and a passionate advocate towards the preservation of wild salmon.

### Who We Are:

The Regional Fisheries Enhancement 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/Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Task Force
- 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 2015, seven of the fourteen RFEG's participating in this scholarship opportunity are the **Nooksack SEA, South Puget Sound SEG, Tri-State Steelheaders RFEG, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Cascade Columbia FEG and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group.**

Interested individuals from these seven regions (1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 13 & 14) are to submit their scholarship application by June 1, 2015. After June 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.

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



## Who is Eligible:

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student residing in the watersheds served by RFEG regions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 13 or 14, 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 RFEG regions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 13 or 14. Student must have plans to major in environmental/natural science, fisheries, biology, ecology, hydrology or related field.

Note: the watershed served by RFEG 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 \$1400 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: June 1<sup>st</sup> (postmarked)**

Applicants should submit applications to either the Nooksack SEA, South Puget Sound SEG, Tri-State Steelheaders RFEG, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Cascade Columbia FEG or the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group within their eligible area. Please visit [www.rfeg.org](http://www.rfeg.org) to locate the regional fisheries enhancement group contact information.