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### **Whitefish Lake Institute announces Ripple Effect Scholarship Recipients**

WHITEFISH, MT, May 20, 2020 – The Whitefish Lake Institute (WLI) today announced *Ripple Effect Scholarship* awards to three Whitefish High School students. Recipients include **Sam Menicke** who will study natural resources at Macalester College, **Casey Schneider** who will attend Montana State University to study environmental science or environmental engineering, and **Coller Upton** who will study natural resource at either Montana State University or Washington State University. All three applicants had outstanding academic and civic involvement in the community of Whitefish.

The *Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund* supports WLI's goal of mentoring students as they follow their scientific curiosity, and encouraging them to continue their studies. This \$500 scholarship is available to any Whitefish High School senior who is entering a four year university with plans to major in an environmental science field. Eligible majors include; environmental science/studies, environmental engineering, biology, and sustainability. Other majors will be considered if they demonstrate a link to an environmental emphasis.

All scholarships require students to engage in an application process that includes a letter of recommendation from an instructor familiar with student's work, a copy of official school transcripts, and an essay describing student's watershed ethic and why their ethic will help them become a good watershed steward. WLI staff reviews the applications and submits recommendations to WLI's Science Advisory Committee for approval. Applications are due annually on April 1<sup>st</sup> and can be found on the WLI website [www.whitefishlake.org](http://www.whitefishlake.org).

#### About Whitefish Lake Institute

Founded in 2005, the Whitefish Lake Institute is a 501 (3)(c) non-profit organization committed to acquiring scientific research, and to educating and engaging the local citizenry to protect the Whitefish area water resources of today, while providing a collective community vision for tomorrow.

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