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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 1st and can be found on the WLI website 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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