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**STONINGTON GARDEN CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Two Stonington High School Seniors Recognized for Interest in Environmental Sciences*

**STONINGTON, CONN. (August 26, 2024)** – The Stonington Garden Club (SGC) announced today that it has awarded scholarships to two Stonington High School (SHS) seniors who will be pursuing studies in Environmental Sciences (ES) in college. The \$1,000 scholarships were presented to Henry Sawin and Ethan King at the SHS Senior Awards night in June.

“The Stonington Garden Club is committed to encouraging and supporting interest in conservation and the environment. These scholarship awards were created to recognize and support our high school seniors interested in environmental sciences,” said Laura Metzger, SGC Co-President.



L to r: Catherine Ellis (SHS Science AP teacher/faculty advisor for Environmental Club), Henry Sawin, Ethan King, and Terri Brennan (SGC Scholarship Committee Chair)

“More than ever, today’s high school students are concerned with environmental issues and the impact of Climate Change. We are proud to offer awards that recognize a focus on the environment and encourage further studies in this critically important field,” said Terri Brennan, Chair of the SGC Scholarship Committee.

The Club’s history with the ES department at Stonington High School has included providing funds for materials needed for their outdoor gardens, but the Club wanted to do more. Determined to help and encourage local high schoolers, the Club worked closely with the SHS Science Teacher and the officers of the SGC to establish a scholarship award for a graduating senior in the spring of 2017. Now in its eighth year, SGC offers two scholarship awards, an Environmental Studies Award (\$1,000) and an Environmental Awareness Award (\$1,000).

**Scholarship Recipients**

*Ethan King – Environmental Awareness Award*

Ethan is a bright and personable student who is passionate about the natural world. His career interests include environmental engineering and environmental consulting. As further evidence of his commitment to the environment, he joined the board of the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed as a student. In his own words, “I have a passion for the environment, and the wellness of the environment around me relates to so much in my everyday life.”

*Henry Sawin – Environmental Studies Award*

Henry plans to be an Environmental Studies major at Middlebury College. He has interests in environmental economics, environmental policy, and environmental psychology, all of which could lead him in the direction of natural resource management and conservation. He looks forward to contributing to organizations managing the future of our coastlines, both access and protection from the changes coming our way through sea-level rise. In his application, he said, “I hope that my education will provide me with the tools to participate and contribute locally and apply other perspectives to this critical front-line problem.”

**About the Stonington Garden Club**

The Stonington Garden Club is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate and encourage interest in the environment and conservation, support community projects, and stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. For almost 100 years, the club has had a lasting and positive impact on the community, and its members take great pride in the Stonington community and its environs. For more information or to inquire about membership, please visit [www.stoningtongardenclub.org](http://www.stoningtongardenclub.org).

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