



JANET ENGLE CORMIER SOIL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Presented by the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists

JANET ENGLE CORMIER

In 1997, the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists created a scholarship in honor of Janet Engle Cormier. Janet Engle Cormier was a graduate of the University of Maine – Orono. While at UMaine, she was an active member of the local chapter of the Soil Conservation Society. Her commitment to conservation was put into action during her time at UMaine. The Society supported conservation activities and field trips by using proceeds from recycling paper products generated by the University and local towns. Janet was a Maine Certified Soil Scientist, and one of the first women to map soils with the USDA in Maine. Janet later worked as a consultant, and became an expert in relating soil formation and pedology to archeological investigations of Paleo-Indian campsites. She was instrumental in coming up with techniques that allowed archaeologists to establish timelines based upon soil morphology. As a consultant Janet also worked with foresters and loggers to develop techniques to reduce erosion and limit the environmental impacts of commercial logging to fisheries and wildlife. Janet was an active and enthusiastic member of and leader in MAPSS, serving as President, Vice President, and Treasurer. In 1996, Janet died as a result of complications from cancer. Janet is remembered as a dedicated, compassionate, and genuine person, who considered everyone to be valuable and important. She understood the critical importance of soils in global ecosystems but maintained a local pragmatism that defined Maine common sense.

THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS

The Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists formed in approximately 1974, with a mission statement of four objectives. MAPSS was formed 1) to promote the profession of soil science by maintaining high professional standards and codes of practice, 2) to assist with the continuing education and training necessary for professional development of soil scientists, 3) to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among members and 4) to promote a feeling of friendly and cooperative relations among members and other related professional organizations. MAPSS has members with varied professional backgrounds, including professionals who work in large and small private consulting companies, for Federal, State, local, and tribal government, and non-profits, students in a variety of fields, and those with an interest in soils.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The recipient of the Janet Engle Cormier Soil Science Scholarship must be a full time student (undergraduate or graduate) in a natural resources field. Preference is given to students majoring in, or with a demonstrated interest in, **Soil and Water Conservation/Quality, Soil Science, Sustainable Agriculture, or Earth Science**. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the time of their Application.

The Janet Engle Cormier Soil Science Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2022

Please email this completed application and a copy of unofficial transcripts to the MAPSS Education Committee Chair, Michael Jakubowski, at michael.jakubowski@maine.edu.

The application deadline is February 19, 2022.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Current Year

____ Grad Student

____ Senior

____ Junior

____ Sophomore

____ Freshman

Program

Major: _____

GPA: _____

(as of Fall 2021)

Anticipated date of graduation: _____

References

Two references must be faculty members of your College/University. Each listed reference must email a brief letter about why you should receive this scholarship to the education committee chair listed at the top of this application.

Name

Title/Relationship

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Briefly describe your career goals.

Please list extracurricular activities and/or employment that demonstrate leadership qualities and a sincere interest in soil science.