The 2016 H2Oath Landscape Water Conservation Graduate Scholarship
Utah State University, funded by the Utah Division of Water Resources
(2) $1,500 scholarships for graduate students

Purpose: To encourage graduate students in landscape water conservation degree programs at Utah State University. This scholarship is intended to support graduate student studies in the Masters of Professional Studies in Horticulture: Water-Efficient Landscape Management degree program.

History: This scholarship was awarded to Utah State University by the Utah Division of Water Resources for the most pledges in the 2016 H2Oath Water War Competition. Participants were asked to pledge to a series of water-wise practices to implement simple habits for conserving water. The H2Oath is as follows:

I hereby take the H2Oath, and pledge to adhere to each of the following water-wise practices to the best of my ability (please select each one):

- I will water my landscapes no more than is recommended by the Weekly Lawn Watering Guide found on slowtheflow.org, and posted weekly on the Utah Division of Water Resources Facebook page and Twitter account. (If everyone does, it will save Utah billions of gallons).
- I will not water my landscape at the hottest time of the day.
- I will not water during or directly after a rainstorm.
- I will adjust my sprinklers to avoid spraying sidewalks and driveways.
- I will adjust my lawnmower to one of the higher settings to help shade the roots, and reduce the need for water.
- I will look for opportunities to add water-wise plants to my landscape.
- I will identify and fix leaks both inside and outside of my home.
- I will reduce my shower time by at least 1 minute per shower.
- I will wait until I have a full load to run my dishwasher or washing machine.

Award: Two (2) $1,500 scholarships will be awarded directly to the recipients in support of their graduate education for the 2017-2018 academic year (or summer semester 2017).

Eligibility: Open to graduate students who are enrolled in, or are applying to, Utah State University’s Masters of Professional Studies in Horticulture (MPSH) degree program with a specialization in water-efficient landscaping. For more information on the degree, go to www.psc.usu.edu/mpsh.

To Apply: Drawing from the H2Oath above, creatively communicate the importance of water conservation through any type of media, including—but not limited to—videos, songs, dance, essays, posters, artwork, etc. Applicants give USU the right to edit and distribute materials. Fill out the online application and release form, and submit media electronically (link). Applications must be received by February 1, 2017.

Selection: Submissions will be judged on the effectiveness of the message, creativity, sound scholarship, and entertainment value by the Center for Water Efficient Landscaping scholarship committee.

Contact: for more information, please visit www.cwel.usu.edu/H2Oathscholarship, or email cwel@usu.edu.