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2010 Joseph Roel Scholarship Open to All Earth Day Volunteers

Columbus, Ohio – April 12, 2010 – For the first time in three years, the Joseph P. Roel Earth Day scholarship will be open to any volunteer involved with the central Ohio celebration – *Earth Day 2010: The Update*. In past years, the scholarship was only available to event organizers.

By championing Earth Day at the Columbus Foundation, Mr. Roel was instrumental in the successful rebirth of its observance in central Ohio in 2007. He passed away unexpectedly in June of 2007. Since 2008, this scholarship has been awarded in his memory. The inaugural Earth Day scholarship was awarded to Emily Plews, who went on to study Natural Resources and the Environment at University of Michigan. Last year it went to Julie Alton who is studying Music and Environmental Studies at Otterbein College.

This scholarship opportunity is available to any person, who is volunteering as part of *Earth Day 2010: The Update* and intends to study an environmental or related field at the undergraduate or graduate level in the fall of 2010. The scholarship will be \$1,000 or more, depending on the bar tips and donations associated with O' Linda Jansupka's street art at the celebration on April 22 at Franklin Park.

To apply, an individual must provide a letter explaining the applicant's experience at an *Earth Day 2010: The Update* volunteer worksite and their aspirations for the future. This letter must not exceed two pages, and should contain the following:

1. Full name and contact information, including street address, phone number and e-mail address
2. College or university you will be attending in fall 2010
3. Current or anticipated field of study
4. Essay explaining your experience at Earth Day and why you are deserving of the scholarship

Applications and questions must be sent to (scholarship@update2010.org) before the deadline at midnight, Monday April 19th. The award announcement will be made at the celebration at Franklin Park on April 22.

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About Green Columbus

Green Columbus exists to promote sustainable living in Central Ohio and globally by 1) providing forums for environmental groups, citizens and others to interact. 2) raising awareness about environmental issues and what can be done to address them, and 3) encouraging participation in action oriented green events. More information is available at www.greenbus.org.