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The Douglas Timber Operators Grant Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017-18 Scholarships. Applicants must live in Coos, Douglas and Lane counties with the intention to major in a natural resources related field.

Three scholarships in the amount of \$1500 will be awarded to following:

- **ESTON HUGHEY** – Will transfer from Umpqua Community College's Forestry & Natural Resources Program to Oregon State University College of Forestry where he will pursue his bachelor's degree in Forest Management.
- **TRISTAN HUDGEON** – A recent graduate from Riddle High School will enroll in the Umpqua Community College's Forestry & Natural Resources Program. He plans to get his Associates Degree and transfer to Oregon State University College of Forestry.
- **ETHAN HARRIS** – Will continue his studies at Umpqua Community College in the Forestry & Natural Resources Program for the 2017-18 school year. He will transfer to Oregon State University College of Forestry in the fall of 2018 where he will pursue his bachelor's degree in Forestry Management.

Douglas Timber Operators is proud to support the Umpqua Community College Forestry & Natural Resources Program. Foresters must understand natural resource systems and how to organize the management of forest resources for multiple uses and multiple values. The program prepares students for transfer to the bachelor's degree program at Oregon State University. The two year degree at Umpqua Community College may provide a direct career pathway to employment as a Forest Technician or Engineering Technician.

Wood products are a major component of the manufacturing and building industry, and are an important part of the local, national and global economy. There continues to be a growing job demand for forestry professionals.

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