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**Tahoma High School Student Awarded \$2500 Scholarship from Cedar Grove**  
***Megan Colley recognized for academic achievements and focus on sustainability***

MAPLE VALLEY, Wash. – (May 31, 2017) – Tahoma High School senior Megan Colley is the recipient of a \$2500 scholarship from Cedar Grove, a local, family-owned business with deep roots in the Pacific Northwest, dating back to 1938. The company is one of nation’s leading innovators in collecting and processing organic materials from residential and commercial sources.

The “Seeds for Scholars” scholarship recognizes a student based on demonstrated interest, action and achievement in issues surrounding sustainability and the environment.

“Megan has demonstrated a great deal of leadership qualities, for example, she helped our school receive numerous awards for our recycling efforts and has helped our plant science class receive recognition for their efforts in volunteering at King County Parks, SHADOW and the Maple Valley Arboretum,” said Marie Page, Career and Technical Educator, Tahoma Senior High School.

Cedar Grove has a longtime partnership with the Tahoma School District, collecting organics from school lunchrooms, donating compost to school gardens and hiring former Tahoma School District students.

“I think it is super exciting for our ‘Green Ribbon’ district to partner with the leader in composting, our neighbor, Cedar Grove Composting,” said Clare Nance, science teacher, Tahoma High School. “I love that our kids grow up in a district which provides them the opportunity to be leaders in sustainable behavior at their elementary school. As they grow older, these energetic kids learn more about what it means to be sustainable, both locally and globally, and they continue to model sustainable behavior in their schools, at home and at work. Eventually it comes full circle, with one of these kids, at graduation, being recognized with Cedar Grove’s ‘Seeds for Scholars’ scholarship to help them continue learning about sustainability and the environment.”

“The Tahoma School District was one of the first in this region to start composting programs in its school lunchrooms and it features some amazing science programs, school garden clubs and green teams; all producing future environmental stewards right in this community,” said Karen Dawson, director of marketing and community relations, Cedar Grove. “We are honored to partner with the District and Maple Valley community on this scholarship program and year round.”

You can learn more about Cedar Grove by visiting [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com).



### **About Cedar Grove**

Cedar Grove Composting is a local, family-owned business with deep roots in the Seattle area dating back to 1938. Cedar Grove plays a critical role in the Puget Sound's recycling infrastructure and sustainability efforts, diverting more than 350,000 tons of yard waste and food scraps from landfills annually. With two processing facilities in Maple Valley and Everett, Cedar Grove is a local manufacturer providing green jobs in King and Snohomish Counties. Cedar Grove produces wholesome, nutrient-rich compost that is sold to businesses, governments and residents, ensuring consumers have access to locally produced, recycled products. For more information, please visit [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com).

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