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**Everett High School Student Awarded \$2500 Scholarship from Cedar Grove  
*Ben Seaberg recognized for academic achievements and focus on sustainability***

EVERETT, Wash. – (May 31, 2016) – Everett High School senior Ben Seaberg 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.

“Cedar Grove Composting, through their ‘Seeds for Scholars’ scholarship, demonstrates, year after year, their care and commitment to our community by investing in our collective future, one student at a time, said Kendall Berry, counselor, Everett High School. “We are so grateful for their partnership.”

This fall, Seaberg will attend Whitworth University in Spokane.

“In 2013, Cedar Grove launched its ‘Seeds for Scholars’ scholarship program and we have had the honor of awarding five scholarships, totaling \$12,500 to college bound Everett High School seniors,” said Karen Dawson, director of marketing and community relations, Cedar Grove. “Cedar Grove is committed to the communities we operate in and we are honored to have the opportunity to partner with the Everett Schools Foundation and the broader Everett community through this scholarship and through soil donations to school and community gardens all year long,” said Karen Dawson, director of marketing and community relations.

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).



### **About the Everett Schools Foundation**

The mission of the Everett Schools Foundation is to develop and provide community support to strengthen academic achievement in the Everett Public Schools. The Foundation was established as Citizens for Everett Public Schools Association in February, 1985.

The foundation gained its non-profit status on May 23, 1985. The name was officially changed to the Everett Public Schools Foundation on February 4, 1992.

As a community-based, non-profit foundation, the Foundation has an autonomous working relationship with the District. We are partners in education, maintaining a mutual strategic direction. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.everett.k12.wa.us/epsf/About%20the%20Foundation>.

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