

SANBORN

David Sanborn Ecology Scholarship

This award was established with private funds and first awarded in 2002.

David Sanborn was a MTSU student who was very interested in biology due to two very significant influences in his life. First, he had a passion for anything that would contribute to environmental restoration and conservation. He would spend hours picking up litter on the roads near his home in rural Cannon County. He followed the activities and contributed to environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and the Nature Conservancy. He took action through attendance at meetings, by speaking out, and writing letters. The second reason for his interest in biology was his illness. He had adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) and did everything he could to understand his disease and teach others about this formerly fatal illness. When David died after twelve years of fighting his then incurable disease, his family decided to establish this scholarship to honor the memory of his courage and desire to make a difference.