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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY GROUP SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR JERRY FRIEDMAN EAC SCHOLARSHIP

August 1, 2011 -- Environmental Forum of Marin is seeking applicants for the Jerry Friedman Environmental Action Committee Scholarship.

Established by one of West Marin's oldest environmental groups, the scholarship enables a West Marin resident to attend the Master Class educational and advocacy training program presented by Environmental Forum of Marin.

The scholarship honors the late Jerry Friedman of Point Reyes Station, one of the founders of the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) and its first executive director. Established in 1971, when Marin's early environmentalists fought over-development of West Marin's agricultural and sensitive eco-systems, EAC has battled numerous "ill-conceived" proposals in an effort to retain the area's rural and agricultural vitality.

According to EAC, the scholarship remembers Friedman in a manner he would most appreciate — by enabling others to follow in his footsteps in working to preserve the character of West Marin.

Environmental Forum of Marin is an all-volunteer environmental education and training organization founded by several of Friedman's fellow environmental activists during the

same time he started EAC. This group of tireless environmental proponents, steered by Dr. L. Martin "Marty" Griffin, the late Ellen Straus, Phyllis Faber, Nona Dennis, and Kathy Cuneo, began training a cadre of local volunteers in 1972 to be effective and influential advocates engaged in the field of environmental planning and quality.

Now in its 39th year, Environmental Forum's Master Class explores the basic principles of sustainability and environmental protection. During field trips and conversations with scientists, local decision-makers, environmental advocates, and land use and transportation planners, students develop an understanding of the role they can play in helping their communities to solve the problems posed by climate change. The next class begins August 30.

To apply for the Jerry Friedman EAC Scholarship, please contact Environmental Acton Committee of West Marin at (415) 663-9312 or Environmental Forum of Marin at (415) 479-7814. Scholarship applications are due now for the 2011-2012 Master Class.

Further information is available at www.EACMarin.org and www.MarinEFM.org/Scholarships.

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