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Elwood grant goes to Conservation Corps youth

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A recent \$6,808 grant from the Gordon Elwood Foundation will provide scholarships to help more than 20 Southern Oregon disadvantaged teens join Northwest Youth Corps Conservation Corps programs.

More than 900 young adults from around the nation join NYC programs every year. Crews in the Conservation Corps travel throughout the Northwest completing projects for land management agencies. These projects include building or maintaining trails, fuels management, fisheries improvement and habitat restoration.

The Gordon Elwood Foundation will help ensure that more youth in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Curry counties will join the program. The foundation scholarships will help with tuition, equipment purchases and transportation needs.

Crew members earn a non-taxable education stipend of \$1,225 for five weeks of work and a chance to earn high school credit.

Established in 1984, Northwest Youth Corps is a non-profit organization whose mission is to create leaders through teamwork, education, and outdoor conservation work experiences.

For more information, contact Northwest Youth Corps at phone (541) 349-5055, or visit www.northwestyouthcorps.org.

The Gordon Elwood Foundation distributes grants for educational, human service and other charitable purposes in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Curry counties.

— Staff reports