Wheelabrator Portsmouth and Cradock Civic League establish annual scholarship for a college-bound Cradock-area senior

PORTSMOUTH, Va. - Dec. 13, 2010 - College bound seniors from Portsmouth’s Cradock neighborhood are eligible for a new $1,000 scholarship established by the Cradock Civic League and Wheelabrator Portsmouth, Wheelabrator announced today.

Each year the scholarship will be awarded to a high-school senior who has displayed remarkable academic achievement, extra-curricular participation, and community service to help them continue their education at the college level. A four-person committee of representatives from the Cradock Civic League and Wheelabrator, which operates a waste-to-energy plant in the neighborhood, will review applications and choose an individual who plans to attend a college or university the following fall.

“We very much appreciate everything Wheelabrator has done for Cradock,” says Joanna Hall, president of Cradock Civic League. “Because the scholarship will be awarded each year, it will be an incentive for our young people to excel in high school so they can look forward to continuing their education.”

Applications for the $1,000 Wheelabrator Portsmouth Cradock Civic League Scholarship are available on the Cradock Civic League website at [www.historiccradock.org/page2.html](http://www.historiccradock.org/page2.html), the Wheelabrator Portsmouth website [http://www.wheelabratorportsmouth.com](http://www.wheelabratorportsmouth.com) or by contacting Raynelle Thompson in the guidance office at Wilson High School at (757) 465-2910. Completed applications must be submitted by April 29, 2011. The recipient will be announced in early June.

“WeWheelabrator understands the importance of investing in future generations and we are pleased to offer this scholarship each year to a Cradock-area student,” said Linda Sapienza, director of community relations for Wheelabrator Technologies. “Supporting the educational pursuits of our youth is an investment in their future as well as in the future of the communities where these students work and live. We wanted to do something substantial to help a young person who has worked hard in high school, participated in activities and been accepted to a two- or four-year school. We look forward to reviewing the applications and awarding this scholarship.”

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