

2019 Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship
Award Recipient



Colleen Purefoy has been selected to receive a \$1,370 scholarship. Colleen grew up in Washington State and graduated from Hoquiam High School in 1994. Immediately after high school she began working at a local bank, which turned into a 16-year banking career as she climbed the corporate ladder to become a Customer Service Manager in Olympia, Washington. Getting her team involved in community fundraisers along with fostering a positive work environment earned Colleen an award from the South Puget Sound district for Best Improved Employee Retention. Although her banking career was rewarding, she has always had a passion for being in nature and exploring. Colleen enjoys hiking, surfing, snowboarding and is a certified scuba diver. This love of nature is what motivated her to go to school and earn a degree in Natural Resources so she could help manage our resources wisely for future generations. Having two small children and working part time, Colleen was anxious about going back to school, but her previous work experience has made her a

diligent student. She has earned her Associates Degree in Natural Resources – Forestry Technician (3.96 GPA) and is just now beginning the bachelors program for Forest Resources Management. Funding has been a critical part of my educational goals, and the support from Washington Farm Forestry Association is immensely appreciated.