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## **Nova Scotia Recycles Contest Rewards Young Environmental Leaders throughout the Province**

**Truro, Nova Scotia - May 5, 2009** - RRFB Nova Scotia has just completed seven regional celebrations to reward forward-thinking students as part of the 9th annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest. More than \$19,000 in scholarships, including a top prize of \$5,000, were awarded throughout the province in March and April.

Open to students in grades primary to twelve, the contest is launched each fall and offers over \$55,000 in cash and prizes. The contest has six categories determined by grade level: P-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 and 12.

“The Nova Scotia Recycles Contest is designed to encourage students to take a leadership role in improving the environment by promoting waste diversion,” said Bill Ring, CEO of RRFB Nova Scotia. “By participating, these students are taking the first steps toward becoming the leaders we know they can be and we want to recognize them.”

This year, students in grade twelve were asked to submit a research essay on opportunities that may exist in waste reduction as they may pertain to businesses, communities, individuals, and government. Students were eligible for regional scholarships valued at \$1,500 and \$750 respectively for the winners and runners-up in each of Nova Scotia’s seven solid waste regions. In addition, RRFB Nova Scotia offered a \$5,000 scholarship to the student with the best overall essay.

Katie Shipp from J.L. Ilsley High School in Halifax was surprised when she was announced as the Provincial Essay Winner on March 28 at an awards ceremony at the Brightwood Golf and Country Club. Katie’s essay entitled, *The Complete Package: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Responsibility*, stood out for its clear, concise writing style and thoughtful approach to finding solutions to waste management problems.

In addition to Katie, RRFB Nova Scotia recognized more than a dozen other grade twelve students across the province. For a list of winners and runners-up, please see the following table.

<b>Region</b>	<b>\$1,500 Winner</b>	<b>\$750 Runner-Up</b>
<b>R1</b>	Francis MacInnes Dalbrae Academy	Ella Dubinsky Baddeck Academy
<b>R2</b>	Julie Vermeer Dr. JH Gillis Regional High School	Kaylyn Boyd Dr. JH Gillis Regional High School
<b>R3</b>	Michael Coady Hants East Rural High School	Andy West Cobequid Educational Centre
<b>R4</b>	Katie Shipp ( <b>\$5,000 Prov Winner</b> ) JL Ilsley High School	Rachel Eisner Lockview High School
<b>R5</b>	Kevin Hutt West Kings District High School	Matthew Roscoe Bridgetown Regional High School
<b>R6</b>	Abigail Lewis Liverpool Regional High School	Lucas Boyle North Queens Rural High School
<b>R7</b>	Courtney Welch Islands Consolidated School	Julia Martin St. Mary's Bay Academy

The Nova Scotia Recycles Contest, which received a phenomenal 11,600 entries from 236 schools across the province, has been instrumental in educating Nova Scotia's youth about the need to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost. The contest, as well as RRFB Nova Scotia's other education and awareness programs, have helped Nova Scotia become known as a leader in waste reduction.

### **About RRFB Nova Scotia**

Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc. (RRFB Nova Scotia) is a non-profit corporation working in partnership with Nova Scotians to improve the province's environment, economy and quality of life by reducing, re-using, recycling and recovering resources. Recognized globally as an innovator in waste diversion solutions, RRFB Nova Scotia manages a network of 83 independently owned Enviro-Depots throughout the province. As a leader in Nova Scotia's

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