

**Shaleas Harrison and Blaine Nelson Are
The Wyoming Water Association's Scholarship Recipients
For the 2003-2004 Academic Year
Each Receive \$1,000 Scholarship Award**



The Wyoming Water Association (WWA) is pleased to announce that Shaleas Harrison of Powell and Blaine Nelson of Cheyenne are the recipients of \$1,000 scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year. Children, grandchildren or wards of Wyoming Water Association members who are high school seniors or students in college are eligible for the scholarship competition, which includes a written application form and the preparation of a 500 word essay on a topic of the Association's choosing. The topic these scholarship winners addressed in their essays was "How has the current drought affected residents of the State and me personally?" Based on the adverse hydrology experienced across our state over the past four years, the applicability of this topic is apparent.

Shaleas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Harrison of Powell and a 2003 graduate of Powell High School. She will be attending the University of Wyoming beginning in the Fall of 2003 where she will be majoring in Agribusiness. Shaleas graduated with a 3.5 grade point average from Powell High School in May of 2003 and has registered to attend the University of Wyoming in Laramie beginning with the Fall Semester 2003 where she will be majoring in Agricultural Business. In addition to being selected for membership in the National Honor Society, Shaleas was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Roll Award and the Academic Letter Award. She was selected to attend the 2003 "Close-up" Congressional Student Leadership Conference and the 2003 University of Wyoming JETS Engineering Competition.

Ms. Harrison was a member of the Academic Letterman's Club during her attendance at Powell High School, and also served as the Vice President of her class during her junior year of school there.

Shaleas found time for athletic pursuits, in that she was on the Lady Panthers varsity basketball team and varsity soccer team during all four of her years of attendance at Powell High School, serving as the Basketball Team Captain during her senior year and received the "Most Inspirational Award" in 2002. She also captained the Lady Panther cross-country track team and soccer team during her junior and senior years of school, and was team captain of her recreational softball team during the past four years too. Shaleas was a member of the 2001 State Champion Wyoming Women's Softball Team. She was selected to attend the International Sports Specialist, Inc. (ISSI) during the 2002-2003 school year. Besides all of the above, Shaleas found time to participate in other school activities, church, community service activities and as a member of the Bitter Creek 4-H Club as well.

The Association awarded its second scholarship this year to Blaine Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Nelson of Cheyenne. Blaine graduated with honors from Pine Bluffs High School in May 2002 and is currently attending Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne where he is carrying a 3.43 grade point average as he pursues his major in Political Science. While a student at Pine Bluffs High School, Blaine was his Junior Class Treasurer, a member of the National Honor Society and was quite active in the Future Farmers of America. He was the Chapter Sentinel, placed third in the local FFA Creed contest and placed second at the National FFA Agricultural Issues Contest. Blaine was named the Outstanding Government Student of the Year during his senior year at PBHS. Blaine is also a preschool Sunday school teacher at Cheyenne Hills Church.

The Association's officers strongly encourage members' sons and daughters or grandchildren to apply for these scholarship awards. Information about next year's scholarship competition may be found on the Association's website (www.Wyomingwater.org) or by calling the WWA's Executive Secretary at 307-631-0898. Applications for the Association's scholarships must be submitted to the Association's Scholarship Committee Chairman, Mr. Evan Simpson, by no later than March 15, 2004.