The Wyoming Water Association is pleased to announce its Scholarship Competition recipients for the 2005-2006 academic year. Laura Wilson and Nicholas Smith are recipients of $1000 scholarships and will be honored by the Association’s members during their upcoming Annual Meeting Banquet on the evening of November 2nd at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. The Banquet is part of the Association’s Annual Meeting and Education Seminar that will be taking place November 2nd through noon on Friday, November 4th. All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

The Association’s conference theme is “Wyoming’s Water – Transitions Ahead.” The Wyoming State Bar has accredited the Education Seminar program (starting with a luncheon on November 3rd and continuing to noon on Friday, November 4th) for 7.0 CLE credits. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this conference.

Each year the WWA awards two $1000 scholarships to the children or grandchildren of Association members who are high school seniors or students in a Wyoming college. The competition includes preparation of a 500-word essay on a topic concerning the importance of water to Wyoming’s way of life.

Laura is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wilson of Cheyenne. Laura graduated from Cheyenne East High on May 28th with a 4.0 GPA over the course of her high school years. Laura was a member of the National Honor Society, was a student of the month several times at East High School and a member of the French Club, Spanish Club and DECA.

Active in her church, Ms. Wilson served as Vice President of the Young Women’s Youth Group and as President for two years of the Youth Council. Laura is an accomplished pianist. The recipient of several scholarships, Laura is attending the University of Wyoming majoring in Nutrition.

Nick is the son of Loren and Teri Smith of Riverton, Wyoming. A 2001 graduate of Big Piney High School and member of the National Honor Society during his high school years, Nick is earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (double major) at the University of Wyoming.

An All-State cross country and track team member in high school, Nick competed at the collegiate level as a member of the University of Wyoming’s cross country team in prior years and still finds time for intramural athletics. He is a participant in the “My Soldier” Program and corresponds with several members of the U.S. armed forces who are in harm’s way in foreign lands.

More information about the upcoming WWA Annual Conference or next year’s scholarship competition is available on the WWA’s website (www.wyomingwater.org) or by calling the WWA at 307-631-0898.