



January 1, 2020

To: Department Heads, Faculty and Eligible Students

Subject: 2020 Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Application

The 2020 Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Application is now available. We hope you will help us spread the word on the availability of the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund scholarship awards for 2020.

Enclosed you will find application information for the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Awards. The deadline for application is May 22, 2020. The Scholarship Selection Committee will make its selections by August 1, 2020 and recipients will be notified soon thereafter. Awards will be mailed to students.

Please advise all eligible students of the availability of this scholarship award. This information is also currently available as an Acrobat PDF file from the Fund's website (www.sbmsef.org). We are also enclosing a flyer that can be posted in a prominent area to advise students of the availability.

In 2019, the Fund awarded a total twelve \$1,500 scholarships to twelve students for a total of \$18,000. In 2020, we expect to award the same. We are very proud of our accomplishment in building the Fund over the past 29 years. Since its inception, we have awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships to horticultural students and today the Fund's balance is well over \$900,000.

We would like to express our appreciation to you for supporting the growth and development of the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund and your willingness to help us spread the word about this beneficial scholarship.

Sincerely,

Danny Summers
Executive Vice President

Enclosures: Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Award Eligibility
Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Application
Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Referral Form

Spread the Word – Billboard Poster

Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund

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AWARD ELIGIBILITY

Purpose: The Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund was created in 1989 by the Southern Nursery Association to aid students from sixteen southeastern states seeking a career in horticulture. The Scholarship is dedicated to one of the most honored horticultural leaders, the late Sidney B. Meadows.

Mr. Meadows, having been described as one of the industry's great humanitarians, considered student scholarships the most important commitment for the horticultural industry to insure the growth and development of our markets. During early planning sessions for the program, Mr. Meadows stated, "Investing in our students is the best investment we can make in our future".

Eligibility:

1. Student must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate ornamental horticulture program or related discipline at a four-year institution, must be currently enrolled in good standing and must carry a full-time complement of courses at time of application and during the semester the scholarship is granted.
2. Also, student must be in a junior or senior standing at time of application in a four-year curriculum (having completed the first two years and at least two horticulture courses) or a graduate student standing in a horticultural masters or doctoral program.
3. Student must be a resident of one of the 16 SNA states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia) although attendance at an institution within these states is not mandatory. The student must be a citizen of the U.S.
4. For the most recent two years (four years for graduate students), a minimum grade point average of 2.75, based on a scale of 4.0, is required for undergraduate students or 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 for graduate students.
5. Preference will be given to those applicants who plan to work in any aspect of the industry (including owning their own business) following graduation and those in financial need.
6. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply; however, each is limited to a maximum of 2 scholarship awards.

Organizational Structure: In December of 1990, a corporation was formed for operating the scholarship program. It was named the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund, and in May of 1991, the corporation received I.R.S. approval to operate as a 501 (c) 3 corporation. Contributions or gifts to the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund are tax deductible as charitable contributions. *The Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap or military status.*

Application submissions: Applications and supporting documents are accepted via email attachment, fax or mail. See address below.

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APPLICATION

Deadline: May 22, 2020

Student's Full Name: _____

Institution: _____ City: _____ St: _____

Student's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Student's Tel: _____

Student Cell: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Tel: _____

Major (curriculum): _____

Class standing for the coming fall semester (check one): Junior Senior Graduate Student

Are you presently receiving any financial aid (including scholarships)? Yes No

If yes, what type and amount? _____

Do you work? Yes No If yes, how many hours per week? _____ What kind of job? _____

What percentage of your educational expense (i.e. tuition, books, etc.) is not covered by financial aid? Please explain: _____

Return the following along with this application via email attachments, fax or mail to address at bottom of this page.

1. Provide a cover letter of not more than two pages, which should include:

- a) Experiences or factors that stimulated your interest in your present major
- b) Your plans following graduation
- c) How the scholarship would benefit your education and career goals
- d) Examples of personal experiences or events that will help you attain your career goals

2. Include a one-page resume describing your background, employment history and education.

3. IMPORTANT - Attach all official transcripts from the registrar's office (graduate students, please include any undergraduate transcripts). If different institutions are involved, please include all institutions' transcripts.

4. Provide TWO letters of recommendation (see Referral Form). At least one letter should be from department faculty member who is familiar with the student. One letter can be from a horticulture industry employer of the student. (Letters must be sent directly from the faculty member or employer.) Form is provided.

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REFERRAL FORM

(To be completed by faculty advisor, instructor or previous horticultural employer)

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Please complete the following and use the space at the bottom of this page to comment on the applicant's significant contributions to the nursery industry, recent academic qualifications and current financial needs. If additional space is needed, use reverse side of form or additional pages (be sure to indicate student name on each page).

This form must be sent directly from person giving the referral.

Student Applicant's Name: _____

Institution or Firm: _____

Faculty Member or Employer: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Faculty Member/Employer: _____ Date: _____

Email completed referral form to info@sbmsef.org or fax to 678-813-1881.

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SNA ANNOUNCES

\$1,500 Scholarships Available for 2020

ATTENTION HORTICULTURE STUDENTS

Are You a...

- Full-Time Horticulture Student in a 4-Year Institution in USA?
- Undergraduate (Junior or Senior) or Graduate Student?
- Minimum GPA 2.75?
- Resident of 16 Southeastern States and US Citizen?

Applying is EASY...

- 1 Page Application + Cover Letter + Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendations
- Official Transcripts

Application Deadline: May 22, 2020
Selection By: August 1, 2020
Awards Notification: After August 1, 2020
Awards Mailed: No later than August 15, 2020

Visit our website for Award Eligibility and **DOWNLOAD** an Application Today!



www.sbmsef.org

The Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund was founded in 1989 by the Southern Nursery Association. To date, more than \$550,000 has been awarded to horticultural students.