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### **Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship 2024 Scholarships Available**

**ACWORTH, GA, March 11, 2024** – The Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund is announcing its accepting applications for the 2024 Awards. The Fund is projecting to award twelve, \$2,000 scholarships in 2024. All eligible horticulture students in their Junior, Senior or Graduate years of study are encouraged to apply for this year's scholarship. Students may be attending institutions across the United States but must be residents of the 16 Southeastern States (listed below). The deadline for application is May 31, 2024. The Scholarship Selection Committee will make its selections by August 1, 2024 and recipients will be notified soon thereafter.

#### **Apply for Multiple Scholarships with Joint Application Process with HRI**

As in 2023, the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund is partnering with HRI on a common application, which allows students to apply for multiple scholarship programs at once and mitigate the time-consuming application process.

Please help spread the word to all eligible students of the availability of this scholarship award. This information from the Fund's website ([www.sbmsef.org](http://www.sbmsef.org)). We are very proud of our accomplishment in building the Fund over the past 30 years. Since its inception, the fund has awarded over \$625,000 in scholarships to horticultural students and today the Fund's endowment is over \$1 million dollars.

Created in 1989 by the Southern Nursery Association (SNA), The Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund is a 501 (c) 3 corporation providing scholarships to students who are residents of the sixteen southeastern states SNA represents – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia – pursuing a career in horticulture. The fund derives its income from individual and corporate contributions and is governed by the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund board of directors.

The 2024 Scholarship Application is available online at [www.sbmsef.org](http://www.sbmsef.org). Those interested in receiving scholarship information or the latest fund news can subscribe to the automated information system on the fund's website.

The Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund believes in supporting our horticultural students – and protecting the future of our industry. Your tax-deductible gift helps ensure our students receive our support and that the horticulture industry remains strong, focused, and innovative for future generations.

To donate, please make your check payable to:

Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund  
PO Box 801513  
Acworth, GA 30101

Nine named funds have now been pledged to date: The Larry D. Edwards Fund, the Dr. James & Faye Foret Fund, the Richard J. "Dick" Hackney Fund, Sr. Fund, the Lee C. Howell Fund, the Dr. Bryson L. James Fund, the Arthur A. "Buck" Jones Fund, the Art & Millie Lancaster Fund, the Sally Smith Fund and the Robert L. VanLandingham Fund. The financial support offered by the fund has allowed many students the opportunity to begin or continue to work toward their educational goals.

Establishing a named fund is a wonderful memorial for a loved one or a great way to bring recognition to

your firm's support of the industry. To initialize a named fund, you must begin with a minimum pledge of \$30,000 and an initial payment of \$5,000, with payments of \$5,000 annually over a five-year period. We will announce the creation of the new fund (if desired) and solicit contributions through promotional materials and/or direct mail. Please feel free to give us a call to discuss donation options or to establish a named fund to recognize a person or company, or as a memorial for a loved one.

For more information on the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund, scholarship information, or creating a named fund, forward your inquiry to PO Box 801513, Acworth, GA 30101, or call 678.813.1880, email [info@sbmsef.org](mailto:info@sbmsef.org), or visit [www.sbmsef.org](http://www.sbmsef.org).

The Horticultural Research Institute (HRI) is the research, scholarship, and leadership development affiliate of AmericanHort, the nation's leading association for the horticulture industry. HRI supports research that helps the green industry create healthy, high-performance landscapes, promote efficient and sustainable production practices, and develop new methods and technologies to benefit the industry.

HRI has provided more than \$9.5 million in funds to research projects covering a broad range of production, environmental, and business issues important to the green industry. Over \$19 million is committed to the endowment by individuals, corporations, and associations. For more information about HRI, its grant-funded research, or programming, visit [www.hriresearch.org](http://www.hriresearch.org) or contact Jennifer Gray at 614.884.1155.

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