



## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...**

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### **Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship RAISES Awards to \$2,000**

**ACWORTH, GA, April 5, 2022** – The Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund is announcing an increase in this year's awards by to \$2,000 for each scholarship to be awarded in 2022 (up from \$1,500 in recent years) with the projection to still award up to 12 total scholarships.

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 (see below). The deadline for application is May 27, 2022. The Scholarship Selection Committee will make its selections by August 1, 2022 and recipients will be notified soon thereafter.

Please help spread the word to all eligible students of the availability of this scholarship award. This information along with the scholarship application is available as an Acrobat PDF file 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 \$576,000 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 scholarship is dedicated to the late Sidney B. Meadows, a Past President of the Southern Nursery Association, who was an avid supporter of student scholarships and believed that providing aid for students was an important way to ensure the growth and development of all facets of the industry. 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 2020 Scholarship Application is available online at [www.sbmef.org](http://www.sbmef.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.

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Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund  
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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, 678.813.1880, [info@sbmsef.org](mailto:info@sbmsef.org) or visit [www.sbmsef.org](http://www.sbmsef.org).

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