



April 13, 2009

To: Department Heads / Faculty / Eligible Students

Subject: Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Application

Recognizing your position within the university system, we know that you can play an important role in helping us achieve our goal of getting the word out about the availability of the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund scholarship awards.

Enclosed you will find information for the 2009 Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Awards. The deadline for application is May 15, 2009. Award recipients will be asked to be present (if possible) at an award ceremony to be determined later.

Twelve \$2,500 awards were presented last year; this year we expect to again present a similar number of scholarships.

We are very proud of our accomplishment in building this fund over the past fifteen years and would like to express our appreciation to the generous supporters of the fund, the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund Board of Directors and SNA Gold and Silver Members.

I am asking you to advise all eligible students of this scholarship award. This information is downloadable as an Acrobat PDF file from the SNA website (www.sna.org) within the education section of the site.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Windham
Executive Vice President
Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Fund

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

**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 least two horticulture courses) or a graduate student standing in a masters or doctoral program.
3. Student must be a resident of the 16 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia) included in the Southern Nursery Association (although attendance at an institution within these states is not mandatory), and 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 are 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 Vietnam-era veteran status.

Application Forms: Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund
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