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June 15, 2017

To: 2018 SNA Research Contributors and Students

Subject: CALL FOR PAPER TITLES – 62nd Annual SNA Horticultural Research Conference

We invite you to participate in the 2018 SNA Research Conference! The Conference will be held January 8-9, 2018, in conjunction with The SNA Conference (and The Southern Plant Conference) preceding MANTS, at The Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland. You will be receiving registration and hotel information in the coming weeks.

For inclusion in the 2018 SNA Research Conference titles must be submitted using the online [SNA Research Conference Title Submission Form](#) by October 20, 2017, and papers must be sent to the appropriate Section Editor by November 17, 2017.

Your cooperation in following these guidelines will ensure consistency as well as accuracy in our Conference and Proceedings. Please pay special attention to Section II of the Guidelines so that our Proceedings will be useful to nursery professionals.

Also included in this information are details on the 2018 Bryson L. James Student Competition, sponsored by Bennett's Creek Nursery and Lancaster Farms, as well as information about the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarships available in 2018. We ask for your help in promoting both of these opportunities to your students!

I hope to see you at The SNA Conference and the 62nd Annual SNA Research Conference!

Sincerely,

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To: Interested Research Contributors and Students
From: Nick Gawel, SNA Director of Horticultural Research

Subject: Guidelines for the 2018 Bryson L. James Student Competition

1. Any student of a university or college having researchers that participate in the Southern Nursery Association Research Conference and not more than a one (1) academic year has passed since his / her graduation and whose research was completed prior to graduation can participate in the Bryson L. James Student Research Competition.
2. Research is to be that of the presenter and a part of his / her educational studies. Contract work, unless a part of a thesis or classroom report (credit given), is not acceptable as it may provide unlimited funding and an unfair advantage.
3. The student must have submitted a title to the Student Competition Section Editor by the October 20, 2017 deadline specified in the Call For Titles. The paper should then be submitted to the Section Editor for the Student Competition no later than December 1, 2017. The Student Competition Editor will provide a copy of the paper to the appropriate Topic Section Editor for inclusion in the proceedings.
4. The paper must follow the guidelines for format and subject matter as stated in the Call For Titles for the SNA Research Conference.
5. The student and his / her advisor should be listed as co-authors.
6. Oral presentation must be limited to seven (7) minutes. An additional three (3) minutes will be allotted for questions. A penalty of two (2) points per each 20 seconds over seven (7) minutes will be assessed.
7. Judging shall be based on preparation of the paper (50 points) and oral presentation (100 points) for a total of 150 points.
8. The 2017 Student Competition Award amounts for outstanding papers will be as follows:

BS Candidates	MS Candidates	Ph. D. Candidates
1st Place - \$500.00	1st Place - \$500.00	1st Place - \$500.00
2nd Place - \$300.00	2nd Place - \$300.00	2nd Place - \$300.00
3rd Place - \$200.00	3rd Place - \$200.00	3rd Place - \$200.00
9. Awards will be presented during The SNA Conference Power Lunch Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland.

*SNA's 2018 Bryson L. James Student Competition is
sponsored by Bennett's Creek Nursery and Lancaster Farms*

Guidelines for the SNA Research Conference

I. Pre-Conference Correspondence for Presentations

- A. The [Paper Title Submission Form](#) is available online through a link Google Doc Form.
- B. Titles must be submitted online by **October 20, 2017**.
- C. Complete manuscripts (using proper format) must be sent to appropriate Section Editor by **November 17, 2017**. Please note: Student competition manuscript submissions need only to be sent to the student competition editor (Dr. Jeremy Pickens). Dr. Pickens will forward copies of student manuscript to the appropriate topic editor for review prior to publication.
- D. Editor and Section Editor have prerogative to reject papers for reasons of insufficient subject matter, unacceptable format, or other editorial issues. Papers requiring corrections will be returned to authors for revision. Corrected copies must be submitted to Section Editor prior to the SNA Research Conference or by a deadline determined at the editors' discretion. Papers submitted for Student Competition will be published in the appropriate topical section of the Proceedings. Presenter must select appropriate section on the online [Paper Title Submission Form](#).

II. Format and Content of Research Papers for the SNA Proceedings

- A. Papers should not exceed four pages in length using a 12 pt. font and double spaced lines, exclusive of literature cited, tables and figures.
- B. A correctly formatted paper will contain a title and headings listed below:
 - Title of paper
 - Author(s) name
 - Author(s) mailing address and corresponding author's email address
 - Index words
 - Significance to Industry: *Brief statement of practical application.*
 - Nature of Work: *Brief but complete synopsis of background, purpose and materials and methods of research.*
 - Results and Discussion: *Presentation and discussion of results should be thorough enough to be of value to nursery professionals and other researchers.*
 - Literature Cited
- C. Subject matter should relate to mechanization, culture (production) or marketing (economics) of nursery landscape materials.
- D. Botanical names should be ***italicized*** and not **underlined**.
- E. Photos and/or graphics may be **black & white or color** and must be **embedded** in the document in **jpg, eps or tif** format.
- F. Tables should include a **title** above the table; figures should include a **caption** below the figure. Tables and figures should be formatted not to exceed the printable page area of the proceedings (i.e. **7.0" x 8.5"**.) The proceedings use **Arial** font.
- G. The **Numeric Citation** style should be used to cite references.
- H. Data should be presented using **English** or both **English and Metric** systems of measurements.
- I. Use **trade names** for all chemicals or both common and trade names.

III. Presentations at Research Conference

- A. All manuscripts processed through the review system will be published whether or not presented verbally at the Conference.

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June 15, 2017

To: Department Heads, Faculty and Eligible Students

Subject: 2018 Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Application

The 2017 Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship application process has now closed and the 2018 Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Application is now available. Recognizing your position within the university system, we know you can play an important role in helping us achieve our goal of promoting the availability of the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund scholarship awards.

Enclosed you will find application information for the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Awards. The deadline for application is May 27, 2018. The Scholarship Selection Committee will make its selections by August 1, 2018 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.

This year, the Fund will award a total twelve \$1,500 scholarships to twelve students for a total of \$18,000. In 2018, we expect to award the same. We are very proud of our accomplishment in building the Fund over the past 27 years. Since its inception, we have awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships to horticultural students and today the Fund's balance is well over \$800,000.

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



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.



APPLICATION

Deadline: May 27, 2018

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)

Deadline: May 27, 2018

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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SPREAD THE WORD **SNA ANNOUNCES** **\$1,500 Scholarships Available for 2018**

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 27, 2018
Selection By: August 1, 2018
Awards Notification: After August 1, 2018
Awards Mailed: No later than August 15, 2018

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



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The Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund was founded in 1989 by the Southern Nursery Association. To date, more than \$500,000 has been awarded to horticultural students.