



The Dr. Harold F. Wilkins Scholarship

(Internship and/or travel scholarship
to a foreign country)

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Introduction

The Dr. Harold F. Wilkins Scholarship Program was established at the American Floral Endowment in 2001. Throughout Dr. Wilkins' career as a Professor of Floriculture at the University of Minnesota, he has promoted educational opportunities to students for non-domestic travel. He is an avid believer that foreign travel provides students with unique and long-lasting floricultural experiences.

The Scholarship Program has two objectives: 1) To aid and encourage students to have an internship or a floricultural experience located outside the United States. 2) To aid students who wish to travel to a foreign country in order to study the floricultural industry, to attend an International Floricultural Symposium, and/or other intellectual pursuits.

*For either of these experiences, the student is responsible for obtaining the necessary travel requirements pertaining to traveling/working abroad such as, visa, passport, and/or work permit.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a citizen of the United States. Scholarships are available to any undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled and/or recently graduated from a University or College with a degree in horticulture and/or a closely related course of study and who intends to further a career in floriculture. The student must be exited from the United States for at least 90 days for this experience.

Selection

The applicant must complete the application form and submit to the Endowment office by March 1. Annually, the Wilkins Scholarship Committee will review all applications. All applicants will be notified of their status no later than May 1.

Grant Allocation:

Funding allocations vary depending on the length of the program and anticipated expenses. The funding amounts will range from \$5,000-\$10,000. Eighty percent of the funds will be disbursed in advance, and the remaining twenty percent will be held until a brief report (minimum 500 words) has been submitted within 30 days of the completion date.

Application

The application form must be completed in its entirety and must include a detailed budget for travel as well as a personal statement and all materials listed in the Application Material section of the form.