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Jim Sanders Memorial Horticulture Scholarship

Information and application

Thank you for your interest in the Jim Sanders Memorial Horticulture Scholarship, sponsored by ONLA. This scholarship was begun by Jim's friends during the 2015 ONLA Annual Convention and Trade Show. Seed money for the scholarship was raised by a spur-of-the-moment bid on our auctioneer's hat in Jim's name during the annual live auction. The ONLA Board of Directors shortly thereafter voted to set aside this seed money to start a scholarship in Jim's name.

The First Annual Jim Sanders Memorial Horticulture Scholarship Fundraiser is scheduled to occur in July of 2016 and the First Annual Jim Sanders Memorial Scholarship to be awarded at the ONLA Convention and Trade Show in September.

The Jim Sanders Memorial Horticulture Scholarship will be awarded to one (1) undergraduate student enrolled for the Fall Semester of 2016 at Oklahoma State University. The student must be working toward an undergraduate degree in the area of Horticulture and be currently maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.75. The student may be classified as a part-time or full-time student.

The application must be completed in its entirety. An essay, following the requirements and prompt as listed on the application, must accompany the application.

The application must be received in the ONLA office, via mail or email, no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31st**. The applications will be forwarded to the family of Jim Sanders, who will choose the recipient no later than Thursday, September 15th. The recipient, and all applicants, will be notified via email of the family's decision on Friday, September 16th.

The scholarship will be awarded on the afternoon of Thursday, September 29th, during the ONLA Annual Convention and Trade Show, which will be held at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. The recipient is requested to attend the convention and trade show as a guest of the association. If the recipient is unable to attend, they will be recognized at the convention and the award will be presented to the recipient at a later date and time.

Please contact the ONLA Office with any questions at 405-945-6737 or info@oknla.org.



Jim Sanders Memorial Horticulture Scholarship Application



Date of application _____

Student's Full Name _____

Maiden/Other Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City / State / ZIP _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Course of study you are pursuing and current GPA _____

Anticipated graduation date and degree _____

High School Name, City and State _____

High School Graduation Date, GPA and honors _____

Please list any post-secondary educational experience, including dates of attendance as well as institution names, city/state, GPA and honors

Please list any horticulturally-related work experience including positions, dates and company names

Please list two educational references (advisors, professors)

name _____

telephone _____ position / title _____

email address _____

name _____

telephone _____ position / title _____

email address _____

Please list information about any employment and/or career plans you have, if any, during the award period for which are applying

Please list information about your involvement in extra-curricular activities, civic groups, voluntary organizations, etc.

Please list information about your leadership abilities and activities in which you have demonstrated leadership abilities.

Please list information about your achievements and accomplishments.

Please list any special financial circumstances or needs. (optional)

ESSAY: Please attach your essay to this application (in similar format if digitally delivered). Your answer must be typed with 1" margins, double spaced in size 12 font, and no more than 2 pages long. **PROMPT:** *Please share your future plans in the horticulture industry, how they relate to your education and experience, and what legacy you wish to leave to future generations.*

Your application must be signed and dated in order to be placed into consideration.

signature

date