

## **The Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship**

The Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 by the Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show, Inc. (MANTS®) to memorialize Mr. Akehurst who served the horticultural industry as one of the founders of MANTS. In addition to his thirty plus years as Executive Vice-President of MANTS, through the years Mr. Akehurst served as Executive Secretary of the Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association, the Maryland Nurserymen's Horticulture Research Foundation, Maryland Christmas Tree Growers, American Conifer Society, and Maryland Greenhouse Growers' Association.

MANTS, which is co-sponsored by the state nursery and landscape associations of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, has established this scholarship with the Horticultural Research Institute (HRI) with the belief that the strength and future success of the horticulture industry lies in the solid education of today's students. Moreover, this scholarship reflects Mr. Akehurst's firm belief that education begets one the opportunity to achieve. Through this scholarship, MANTS will provide qualified student applicants, who are residents of one of our co-sponsoring states, a scholarship opportunity that will help ensure the continuity of the nursery and landscape profession.

[Link to the Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

### **Akehurst Memorial Scholarship Recipients**

#### **2017**

Dustin Trychta  
Morgantown, West Virginia  
West Virginia University

#### **2016**

Mark Dennis  
Catonsville, MD  
University of Maryland,  
College Park

#### **2015**

Timothy Jang  
Gainesville, VA  
University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign

#### **2014** *(2 Recipients)*

Sarah Morales  
Smithsburg, MD  
University of Delaware

#### **2014**

James Rockwell  
Stephens City, VA  
Virginia Tech

**2013** (2 Recipients)

Chelsea Gusler  
Dublin, Virginia  
Virginia Tech

**2012** (2 Recipients)

Leah Comerci  
Beckley, WV  
West Virginia University

**2011** (2 Recipients)

Joseph Rothleutner  
Sykesville, Maryland  
Oregon State University

**2010** (2 Recipients)

Lucy Wang  
Lutherville, Maryland  
University of Maryland

**2009**

Tristan Cleveland  
Hampstead, Maryland  
Penn State University

**2007**

Thomas N. Saunders, Jr.  
Piney River, Virginia  
Virginia Tech

**2005**

Breanna Rau  
Middletown, Virginia  
Virginia Tech

**2013**

Stephanie Marino  
Severn, MD  
University of Maryland

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**2010**

Julia Kriz  
Fairfax, Virginia  
George Washington University

**2008**

Gerrit Shuffstall  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Morgan State University

**2006**

Hannah Brzycki  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
Unity College, Unity ME

**2004**

Allison Cyrus  
Appomattox, Virginia  
Virginia Tech