

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

2019

Nicholas Dzurenda
Blacksburg, Virginia
Virginia Tech

2018

Isabell Emanuel
Bel Air, Maryland
Ohio State University

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

2013 (2 Recipients)

Chelsea Gusler
Dublin, Virginia
Virginia Tech

2012 (2 Recipients)

Leah Comerci
Beckley, WV
West Virginia University

2011 (2 Recipients)

Joseph Rothleitner
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

2014

James Rockwell
Stephens City, VA
Virginia Tech

2013

Stephanie Marino
Severn, MD
University of Maryland

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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