



National Horticulture Foundation's James H. Davis Memorial Scholarship

APPLICATION

James H. Davis is remembered, in part, for his role as a respected tree farm owner and member of the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA). A generous gift to the National Horticulture Foundation (NHF) from his estate was used to establish the James H. Davis Scholarship Fund, which supports education in the horticulture industry through scholarship awards to deserving students on an annual basis.

James Davis was the founder and owner of Davis Tree Farm from 1978 until his death in May 1995. As an FNGLA member, he actively served his association through committee and trade show activities and dedication to his industry. Davis Tree Farm is a recipient of the prestigious FNGLA Grower of the Year award.

It is hoped that the James H. Davis Memorial Scholarship will give students the opportunity to develop into a new generation of dedicated individuals for the horticulture industry of tomorrow.

Purpose Statement

The James H. Davis Memorial Scholarship fund was created to encourage students to pursue careers in Florida's horticulture industry and related pursuits by providing financial assistance for undergraduate, postgraduate, or other advanced education programs in Florida. The intent is to provide career paths for qualified students in need of financial support to gain expertise and experience, earn post high school degrees and become active members and leaders in the horticulture industry. This scholarship program is linked to apprenticeship mentoring, employment and advanced educational opportunities both during and after the student has graduated.

Eligibility

Applicant must be an incoming freshman, sophomore, junior, senior planning to attend a community college, college, university or other program in Florida. The student must enroll full-time in a horticulture program or related field with the intent to graduate in that field. A **2.0 (C)** or above grade point average is required of the applicant. Award recipients are eligible to reapply for scholarship annually.

Scholarship Awards

Students must return all of the following to the National Horticulture Foundation by the required deadline of January 15th annually. (*Recipients will be notified by April 15th annually of their award amount.*)

- Completed scholarship application
- High school or college transcripts (can be forwarded by institution, but must received before deadline)
- Essay (see page 4)
- Two letters of recommendation (see page 4)

Return completed application and attachments to:

James H. Davis Memorial Scholarship, National Horticulture Foundation, 1533 Park Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32835

All applicants must use the form provided. No other format will be accepted.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name _____

Social Security # _____ Birthdate _____

Class Status for the upcoming Fall semester (Incoming freshman, sophomore, etc.) _____

What college or institution do you plan to attend and have you been accepted for enrollment?

_____ Accepted Applied to

If not yet enrolled, explain progress thus far: _____

Chosen Major: (if incoming freshman and not declared, please list area of interest) _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Email Address (required): _____

ADDRESS:

Please indicate at which of the following addresses you wish to be notified of award selections.

Campus/School Address **Home Address**

Campus/School Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Name of Hometown Newspaper _____

High School _____

H.S. Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of H.S. Graduation _____ Grade Point Average _____

PARENT INFORMATION:

Name of Parents or Guardians _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Occupation _____ Mother's Occupation _____

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT (use extra page if necessary)

Please list only the most recent achievements, starting from the most recent

Honor or Award	Basis for Selection
1.	
2.	
3.	

Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Etc.
1.
2.
3.

Work Experience	Time Frame/Year
1.	
2.	
3.	

Indicate number of years in each of the following permanent residences that applies to your family:

Rural Farm _____ years Rural Non-Farm _____ years Urban _____ years

Other (describe) _____

Number of siblings _____ Ages of brothers _____ Ages of sisters _____

Number of siblings in college (or planning to enroll in the next 12 months), including self _____

EXPENSES AND INCOME:

Although financial need is not the sole basis for scholarship award decisions, it is considered in the overall evaluation of the applicant. Please list your anticipated annual income and expenses for the upcoming school year using the following chart. If additional space is needed, attach another page.

Expenses

Tuition	\$ _____
Rent/Mortgage	\$ _____
Books & Supplies	\$ _____
Insurance	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____
Existing Debts (list)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Payments on car	\$ _____
Payments of furniture	\$ _____
Social/Entertainment	\$ _____
Misc. (gas, medical, etc.)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Income

Other Scholarship/Grant Income (list)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Spouse's Salary	\$ _____
Employment Earnings	\$ _____
Aid from Family	\$ _____
V.A. or G.I. Benefits	\$ _____
Loans (list)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Aid from Other Sources (specify)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Please add any additional financial circumstances that would help the scholarship review committee in evaluating your application: _____

ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATION:

Please provide the following on separate pages:

- A. Describe your plans for part-time employment and/or willingness to help provide supplemental financial assistance to support your education until graduation.

- B. Provide a letter of recommendation from someone on the faculty of your school or college who will evaluate your abilities as a student.

- C. Provide a letter of recommendation from a professional member of the horticulture industry or related field -- or someone that you have worked for.

- D. Write a **short** essay about yourself that includes the following: work and classroom experience with horticulture or related field, what area of horticulture or related field that you are interested in pursuing, and what you plan to do after graduation. Also include why you are qualified to receive the James H. Davis Memorial Scholarship.

- E. Include high school or college transcripts (can be forwarded by institution, but must be **received by deadline**).

I certify that all parts of the application and required attachments are correct and true. I understand that if any part of provided information is found to be false at any time, it may result in disqualification from or revocation of award. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship as a result of this application, my name will be published and announced at the NHF Board of Directors' discretion.

Date _____ Signature _____

Information provided on this application will be held in the strictest confidence. Applications will only be viewed by members of the NHF James H. Davis Memorial Scholarship Committee.