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Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Horticultural Research Institute Announce Common Scholarship Application

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Today, the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Horticultural Research Institute (HRI), two leading scholarship granting foundations in the green industry, announced their collaboration in creating a common application form for their respective scholarship programs. This partnership will make it easier for students to apply for multiple scholarship programs at once and mitigate the time-consuming application process.

HRI and the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund are dedicated to helping students in the horticulture industry reach their goals by providing them with financial assistance. Established in 1989, Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships. HRI, established in 1962, has provided scholarship and grant funding in excess of \$9.5 million. Both organizations recognize the importance and value of education in this field and is dedicated to helping students pursue their studies.

"We are delighted to join forces with HRI on this project," said Danny Summers, Executive Vice President, Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund. "This partnership is a great example of how two nonprofits can come together to make the scholarship process easier and more accessible for students."

"By aligning our scholarship programs in this way, we can help more students achieve their educational goals," added Jennifer Gray, Administrator, Horticultural Research Institute. "Our partnership allows us makes the application process easier for students and increases their chances of receiving the financial assistance they need."

The new application form is now available for students to fill out and submit.

Each organization will continue to operate their programs independently in the review and granting stages. HRI will award up to 11 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$4000 to applicants who meet various scholarship criteria which includes a demonstrated commitment to pursuing a career in horticulture. Sidney B. Meadows Scholarships will

award numerous scholarships of up to \$2000 each. In total, nearly \$50,000 in scholarships are available.

HRI and Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund are proud to support students in their pursuit of higher education and looks forward to seeing the impact these scholarships will have on their educational journey. For more information about all the scholarships available and to get started on an application, please visithttps://www.hriresearch.org/scholarship-application-and-resources. To learn more about the Sidney B. Meadows Scholarship Endowment Fund, visit www.sbmsef.org; for more about HRI, visit www.hriresearch.org.