

Vivian Munday Early Horticulture Professional Work Program



Application Deadline: June 1

Program Overview

The Vivian Munday Early Horticulture Professional Scholarship was created to provide financial assistance to new horticulture professionals and students interested in attending the IPPS Southern Region Annual Meeting. An *early horticulture professional* is defined as an individual with fewer than five years of work experience in the horticultural field.

This scholarship honors the legacy of Vivian Munday, a respected leader, mentor, and lifelong advocate for education within the horticulture industry. Vivian was deeply committed to supporting students and young professionals, believing that access to professional networks, continuing education, and hands-on learning opportunities were essential for long-term success in the field. Her dedication to mentoring others and fostering meaningful connections within the industry left a lasting impact on the IPPS community.

Program Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Horticulture students enrolled in a 2- or 4-year program.
 - Early horticulture industry professionals with less than five years of work experience.
 - Graduate students enrolled in horticulture or related field
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Award Details

- Full registration for the IPPS Southern Region Annual Meeting.
- Shared hotel accommodation with another scholarship winner.
- Travel expenses (actual ECONOMY flight cost or mileage reimbursement)

Responsibilities

In exchange for financial support, scholarship recipients will perform hands-on work assignments during the event. These assignments help the local site chairperson ensure that the educational program and tours run smoothly. Assignments will be scheduled so that recipients can still attend most of the meeting events. Upon arrival at the annual meeting, recipients will report to the Secretary/ Treasurer Donna Foster for their assignments.

- Assisting with the plant auction
 - Staffing the registration desk
 - Assisting with social media and photography
 - Helping the audio/visual technician during the educational program
 - Participating in an interview with the IPPS Communications Director for promotional purposes
 - Submit a professional biography (200 words) and a high-resolution photograph
 - Attend all functions at the hosting region event, including the opening remarks and awards ceremony where the delegate will be introduced
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Application Instructions

To be considered, applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed application form
 2. 200-word professional biography and high-resolution photograph
 3. One letter of recommendation from:
 - A current or former professor or
 - A professional supervisor
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Applicant Information

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Education

Institution Name:

Institution Address:

Degree or Certificate Earned:

Dates Attended:

☐ If not completed, please indicate highest level achieved:

Employment Experience

Please list your most recent position

Employer / Organization:

Dates of Employment:

Position Title:

Brief Description of Responsibilities:

Reference

Please attach one educational or professional reference (no family members).
Include name, title, organization, email address, and phone number.

Required Essay Responses

(Maximum 400 words total; may be submitted as a single document)

1. **Purpose and Value**

Explain why participating in IPPS Southern Region is important at this stage of your career. What specific learning opportunities or professional outcomes do you anticipate?

2. **Contribution and Impact**

How will you contribute to the IPPS community during and after the meeting? Include how you plan to share knowledge gained with the Southern Region and the broader horticulture industry.

Additional Information

Please include any additional information that strengthens your application including leadership roles, research, industry involvement, or unique experiences.

Applicant Agreement

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I understand the responsibilities associated with participation in the IPPS Southern Region Scholarship Program.

Signature:

Date:

Submission Information DUE JUNE 1

Please submit completed applications to:

Donna Foster

Email: scplant@bellsouth.net

Phone: (803) 743-4284