

Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Awards Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences

Donor: Funded by the Dr. Norman F. Childers since 1993.

Background: The first graduate student paper award (only one given) was started in 1963. It was called the Miller Graduate Student Award, and it was sponsored by Julian C. Miller, Louisiana State University until 1968.

In 1970, the graduate student paper award (only one given) was started again, and it was called the Anderson Graduate Student Award. Mr. W.S. (Stacy) Anderson sponsored the award which was a certificate and a new \$100 bill. Mr. Anderson was Southern Region president, 1942-1946, and Southern Region Secretary-Treasurer 1962-1975. He also published the History of the Southern Region in 1982. Mr. Anderson sponsored the award until 1992.

The Norman F. Childers Graduate Student Award was started in 1993, and consists of a certificate and three awards: 1st Place \$300; 2nd Place \$200; and 3rd Place \$100.

In 2002, the award was restricted to M.S. student papers and renamed the Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Award. Concurrently, Warren Barham endowed the Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Award.

Award: Certificates and monetary awards of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for first, second, and third place winners.

Objectives: To recognize outstanding oral paper presentations based on original research conducted by M.S. graduate students.

Eligibility:

- 1) M.S. student.
- 2) Paper presentation judged on originality of research; justification for work; application or research; application of research; scientific soundness; visual presentation; accuracy of grammar; and poise with questions.

About the Donor:

Dr. Childers has had a very distinguished horticulture career. Through his career, he has been at Cornell University, 1934; Ohio State University, 1937-1944; Department Chair, Rutgers University, 1948-1966; Professor and Research Specialist, Rutgers University, 1966-1981; and currently Adjunct Professor, Department of Horticultural Sciences, University of Florida. He is probably known for his FRUIT NUTRITION book, first published in 1964, and for his teaching and sincere interest in graduate and undergraduate students. Dr. Childers is recognized as one of the “giants” of the horticulture profession.