Norman F. Childers Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences

Donor: Norman F. Childers Revocable Trust, 2014

Background: Dr. Childers 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 the Department of Horticultural Sciences, University of Florida. He is 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. In 1993, Dr. Childers began funding the award as the Norman F. Childers' Award for the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper. Currently, the Southern Region ASHS honors the outstanding undergraduate student with the Hammet Outstanding Club Member Award. The award goes to the outstanding undergraduate student who is a member of the ACB Collegiate Branch. The Norman F. Childers' Award scholarship for the Outstanding Graduate Student will establish an equivalent award at the graduate level. All M.S. thesis option and Ph.D. dissertation graduate students will be eligible

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Award: Plaque and monetary award of $1,000. .

Objectives: To award Norman Childers' Award scholarships to the outstanding graduate student based on their overall academic record and scholarship of their thesis/dissertation research.

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Eligibility:

- Currently enrolled student at the time of nomination.
- Pursuing a Master of Science or PhD thesis/dissertation based degree.
  - Pursing a non-theses or professional Masters or Doctoral degree does not qualify.
- Majoring in horticulture or the equivalent major awarded to horticulture students at that university.
- Graduate Advisor or Co-Advisor must be a horticulture faculty member who is active in SRASHS..
- Pursuing degree at a university in the Southern Region.

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