

# Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation

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### Ohio State Horticulture Senior Receives Prestigious Shinoda Scholar of the Year Award

*San Luis Obispo, Calif., October 7, 2014* – Amy Miller, a senior majoring in horticulture at The Ohio State University, is the recipient of the 2014-15 Shinoda Scholar of the Year award.

“Scholar of the Year awardees represent an elite class in horticulture,” said Bob Otsuka, president of the Shinoda Foundation. “Amy and students like her will drive growth for the industry in the years to come.”

A 22-year-old senior from Dalton, Ohio, Amy is majoring in sustainable plant systems with a concentration in horticulture and a minor in agribusiness. She plans to pursue a career in plant breeding after obtaining a master’s degree.

A letter of recommendation says Amy is a “great leader, possesses a dynamic work ethic, has a great personality, and is willing to do whatever is asked of her. She does all of this while balancing a full time class schedule with excellent academics and working nearly 20 hours a week.”

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Amy has received many prestigious scholarships and awards and is active in a number of extracurricular activities such as the Crops and Soils Club, Pi Alpha Xi and Gamma Sigma Delta, as well as serving as vice president of the Landscape and Floriculture Forum. She is also a member of the Ohio Landscape Association, the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association, the Perennial Plant Association and AmericanHort.

This year the Shinoda Foundation Board of Trustees awarded eight scholarships totaling \$13,500, plus grants to colleges and universities of \$1,350, for a total of \$14,850. Since 1965, The Shinoda Foundation has awarded more than \$790,000 in scholarships to 660 students.

### **About the Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation**

The Shinoda Foundation was established in 1964 under the auspices of the California State Florists' Association in memory of the late Joseph Shinoda, a highly regarded pioneer of that state's floral industry. The foundation's purpose is to encourage educational opportunities for young people interested in entering the industry. Incorporated as a separate entity in 1972, the foundation has awarded scholarships valued at more than \$790,000 to nearly 660 undergraduate floriculture students since 1965.

Information about applications for the Shinoda Foundation's scholarships is sent each January to horticulture and floriculture departments at universities across the nation. Applications are available on the foundation's website and accepted from January until March 30 each year.

Information about making contributions to the foundation or about its scholarship program can be obtained from its website, [www.shinodascholarship.org](http://www.shinodascholarship.org), or by writing to: Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation Inc., 962 Pecho St., Morro Bay, CA 93442, or Pat Broering at [pbroerin@gmail.com](mailto:pbroerin@gmail.com).

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