

Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation

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Shinoda Foundation Contributes to Horticulture's Growth with nearly \$15,000 in Scholarships & Grants

San Luis Obispo, Calif., September 9, 2014 – Focused on encouraging horticulture's continued growth, the Shinoda Foundation invests in the future through the awarding of its annual scholarships.

"By recognizing the best horticulture students in the nation, we're paying it forward for the industry," said Bob Otsuka, president of the Foundation. "Anything we can do to help secure the industry's future success is our privilege."

Since 1965, the Shinoda Foundation has awarded more than \$790,000 in scholarships to 660 students.

The scholarships annually recognize horticulture's best and brightest, selecting recipients after a rigorous review of career goals, academics, work experience, extracurricular activities and need. This year the Board of Trustees awarded eight scholarships totaling \$13,500, plus grants totaling \$1,350 to the winners' colleges and universities, for a grand total of \$14,850.

2014-15 recipients of the Shinoda Foundation Scholarships include:

Bay Boysen, Junior, \$750, Iowa State University
Christina Hayward, Senior, \$1,000, Texas A&M University
Joshua Henry, Senior, \$2,000, The Ohio State University
Victoria Housewright, Senior, \$1,500, University of Minnesota
Melinda Knuth, Junior, \$750, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

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Amy Miller, Senior, The Ohio State University, \$5,000

Kristin Potter, Senior, \$1,000, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

James Rockwell, Senior, \$1,500, Virginia Tech

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 over \$790,000 to more than 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, or by writing to: Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation Inc., 962 Pecho St., Morro Bay, CA 93442, or Pat Broering at pbroerin@gmail.com.

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