

ABOUT ONLA SCHOLARSHIPS

Phil Kozel Memorial Scholarship The Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association is pleased to present the Phil Kozel Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships are given in memory of Dr. Phil Kozel, former Professor of Horticulture at The Ohio State University. Dr. Kozel was also director of the Shade Tree Evaluation Program until his untimely death in 1979. As a long time ONLA supporter, we are honored to present these awards in his name.

ONLA President's Scholarship In 2010, the ONLA became the first state association to create an endowed scholarship fund within PLANET's Academic Excellence Foundation (AEF) by donating \$25,000 to the AEF. In 2011, the first ONLA President's Scholarship was awarded utilizing funds generated by the endowment. Each year, the student receiving the highest scholarship applicant score is selected to receive the distinguished ONLA President's Scholarship. Through continued contributions from the ONLA and its members, the Ohio Nursery & Landscape Scholarship fund within the AEF has since grown to more than \$300,000, ensuring scholarship funds for green industry students in Ohio long into the future and into perpetuity.

Southwest Ohio Environmental Horticulture Association (SOEHA) Lloyd W. Kennedy Scholarship This scholarship is available through the generosity of the Southwest Ohio Environmental Horticulture Association (commonly referred to as "SOEHA"). Although this group disbanded in 2001, they donated all remaining organizational monies to a scholarship fund in honor of Lloyd W. Kennedy, to be administered by the ONLA. Each year, one student at one of the Southwestern Ohio colleges (Clark State Community College, the University of Cincinnati, or Cincinnati State Technical & Community College) is awarded the \$500.00 SOEHA Lloyd W. Kennedy scholarship. The money is distributed on a rotating basis, with one student selected from a different school each year. In 2014, a student from The University of Cincinnati is being awarded this scholarship.

The Artist in Landscape Design Scholarship by Fullmer's Landscaping In January 2013, in an effort to continue to grow the Ohio Nursery & Landscape Scholarship fund, the ONLA issued a challenge to its members. The ONLA pledged to match any member who became an Academic Excellence Foundation (AEF) Ambassador level member (\$25,000). Kent Fullmer, Fullmer's Landscaping Inc. accepted the challenge by donating \$25,000 to the AEF. The Artist in Landscape Design Scholarship by Fullmer's Landscaping will offer a \$2000 scholarship every two years to a student studying in the horticultural field and attending school in the Tri-State area (Ohio, Indiana, or Kentucky).

The Bryan A. Champion Memorial Scholarship On November 10, 2011, Bryan A. Champion, president of Herman Losely and Son, Inc. located in Perry, Ohio, passed away at the age of 47. Champion was diagnosed with cancer in 2007, and fought a courageous 4-year battle to try to beat the devastating disease. Champion was a 5th generation nurseryman with a passion for the nursery and landscape industry. During his career he was involved with local, state and national associations that represent the industry. He sought to advance the industry through sound leadership, volunteer participation, and peer-to-peer networking and education events. He graduated from Ohio State University in 1987. Champion understood the value of a quality education and the importance of industry research. During his career at Herman Losely and Son, Inc., he worked with OSU and the United States of America- Agricultural Research Service to successfully solve industry issues. In honor of Champion's legacy and dedication to the nursery and landscape industry, donations from his peers established The Bryan A. Champion Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year, Champion's legacy will be remembered when the fund provides a student scholarship to a deserving horticultural student. It is our hope that each recipient will show a similar passion for the industry as Champion exhibited throughout his life.