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Fruit and Vegetable Industry Scholarships Available in 2018

The Michigan State Horticultural Society and The Michigan Vegetable Council announce the availability of scholarships for students who intend to pursue careers in the Midwest fruit industry or vegetable industry, respectively. The awards are made available by these organizations, with the generous support of industry sponsors. In 2017, scholarship awards totaling \$19,500 were awarded with the support of All Fresh GPS LLC, Breckenridge Insurance, Crop Production Services, MACMA Apple Division, Nestle/Gerber Products Company, Syngenta, The Bernie Swindeman Memorial Scholarship, Valent, Wilbur-Ellis Company, as well as the support of the following industry publications: *Meister Publications (American Fruit Grower, American Vegetable Grower)*, *The Fruit Growers News*, and *The Vegetable Growers News*.

The target amount per scholarship is \$1,500, but it could be more or less at the discretion of the selection committee. The award is not based on need or academic achievement; however, the selection committee may use these criteria to decide between two or more qualified applicants.

To receive more information or an application contact your guidance office or the appropriate office as follows:

- **Fruit scholarships:** Michigan State Horticultural Society, 7087 E. Napier Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022; phone - (269) 252-5461; or e-mail – ben@mihortsociety.com. An application is also posted on the MSHS website at www.mihortsociety.com. Applications should be e-mailed by September 30, 2018.
- **Vegetable scholarships:** Michigan Vegetable Council, P.O. Box 367, Mason, MI 48854; phone - (517) 663-6725; or e-mail – gbird@michiganvegetablecouncil.org. An application is also posted on the MVC website at www.michiganvegetablecouncil.org. Applications should be mailed or e-mailed by September 30, 2018.

The recipients will be selected in the fall and **the attendance of recipients is required** at the banquet during the Great Lakes Fruit Vegetable and Farm Market EXPO (December 5, 2018) in Grand Rapids, MI (www.glexpo.com).

The Michigan State Horticultural Society and Michigan Vegetable Council invite other companies and organizations to contribute to the scholarship fund. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Ben Smith (ben@mihortsociety.com) or Greg Bird (gbird@michiganvegetablecouncil.org).

The Michigan State Horticultural Society and Michigan Vegetable Council are co-hosts of the largest fruit, vegetable and farm market show in the midwest, the Great Lakes Fruit Vegetable and Farm Market EXPO. Visit the EXPO website at www.glexpo.com.

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