

# **SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY: ROBERT & SHIRLEY MANGUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE & RELATED STUDIES**

Administered by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau  
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## **THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau and the Mangum Family established The Robert & Shirley Mangum Memorial Scholarship in 2004 to honor Montgomery County, MD business owners, Bob and Shirley Mangum for their dedicated service to the horticultural, floriculture, interior landscaping, greenhouse growing and related industries. The scholarship, one award in the amount of \$2000, is given to an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in horticulture, floriculture, landscape design or a related field in an accredited U.S. two-year or four- year educational institution. The Scholarship is designed to assist students who have demonstrated character, scholarship & talent and who are interested in pursuing an education and eventual career in the horticultural industry.

## **BACKGROUND**

Mr. & Mrs. Mangum were involved with Montgomery County Farm Bureau for many years and Mr. Mangum served on the Board of Directors. Mr. Mangum was a pioneer in the business of interior landscaping and ornamental horticulture. The couple's career began in the 1950's when they purchased Bell Flowers, a family business in Silver Spring, Maryland. The Mangums expanded their floral operations and in the late 1970s became one of the first in the country to successfully develop an interior landscape business, which grew to several hundred employees serving thousands of clients including shopping malls, office buildings and fine hotels in the Washington DC area. In the mid-1980s, the Mangums started Bell Nursery, a greenhouse and ornamental crop growing operation based in Burtonsville, MD. The Mangum's businesses, Bell Flowers, Bell Nursery, and Premier Landscapes, which today continue under the stewardship of the Mangum family, are well-known for quality, innovative plant products and pioneering business practices that serve as a model for ornamental crop growers and other industry professionals from around the nation.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicant must be a resident in the state of Maryland.  
Applicant must be enrolled or accepted in an accredited, U.S. two-year or four-year institution, and studying horticulture, floriculture, greenhouse growing, plant science or related curriculum. (Student must carry a full-time course load

during the semesters the scholarship is granted.).

Applicant must demonstrate an overall 3.0 GPA.

Applicant must receive excellent references from employers, and/or instructors, and/ or industry contacts.

Applicant must intend to pursue a career in the horticulture, floriculture, greenhouse growing, plant science or related industries.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Completed application and all attachments must be received by the Mangum Scholarship Committee, In care of Montgomery County Farm Bureau, 26329 Rest Circle Easton, MD 21601 by May 2, 2017 by 5pm. Preference will be given to individuals who have not previously received the Robert & Shirley Mangum Memorial Scholarship. Applicants will be notified of the results in May. For more information or questions, please send an email to:

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