

Eligibility Requirements:

- Any student who is a U.S. citizen and currently enrolled in a Floriculture/Environmental Horticulture program at a 2 or 4 year college or university in the United States.
- Any student maintaining a "C" or better GPA.
- Internship must be completed prior to graduation.

How to Apply:

Application materials must include:

1. A completed online application.
2. An official transcript from all institutions attended.
3. A statement by the student explaining reasons for applying and future career goals.
4. A letter of recommendation and endorsement by a faculty member.
5. A color headshot.

Visit www.endowment.org for more information.

Application Deadlines:

March 1 and October 1 each year.

Internships must be started within 12 months of the application date.

Applications must be received by the American Floral Endowment on or before deadline date.

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- Vic Ball



AFE Mission Statement

The American Floral Endowment (AFE) is an independent non-profit organization that funds research and scholarships in floriculture and environmental horticulture for the benefit of growers, wholesalers, retailers, allied industry organizations, and the general public.



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To Read Student Internship Reports,
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Intern Scholarship Opportunities in Floriculture

Vic & Margaret Ball Intern
Scholarship Program

Mosmiller Intern
Scholarship Program

Paid Experience with Scholarships up to \$6,000



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"The Mosmiller Internship has allowed me to aid my customers at my current workplace more efficiently and effectively. I learned to properly take customer orders for delivery and pick-up, inventory and restocking practices, and how to calculate the cost of designs. This knowledge will be taken with me as I begin my career in the industry.

Ongela Djerf
Delaware Valley College, 2011 Mosmiller Intern



Vic & Margaret Ball Intern Scholarship Program

Commercial Production

Established in 1992, the **Vic & Margaret Ball Intern Scholarship Program** was made possible through a significant and generous gift from Vic & Margaret Ball. Their desire was to attract students to floriculture by developing a meaningful work experience in production as an integral part of a complete education.



Vic and Margaret Ball's interest in training stems from their close involvement with the DuPage Horticulture School. Having observed first-hand the educational value of work-study, which served as a cornerstone of the highly respected program, Vic and Margaret Ball established the Internship Program to assure continuance of the practical experience opportunities. In the words of Vic Ball, "We want to impress upon students the importance of a hands-on-growing experience and provide the chance to incorporate this too-often missing link in an otherwise excellent training program."

Internships

- 6 Month** - \$6,000 Scholarship + Paid Internship
- 4 Month** - \$4,000 Scholarship + Paid Internship
- 3 Month** - \$1,500 Scholarship + Paid Internship

Preference given to six month experiences.

Cash scholarships are paid upon satisfactory completion of internship requirements.

Where is the Training?

- Training sites are located at some of the industry's most successful businesses.
- Training is available at floriculture production greenhouses in the United States.
- Training must be performed in a geographic region other than the student's home or school location.

Transportation costs are the student's responsibility (\$500 advance is available for travel and relocation).

Mosmiller Intern Scholarship Program

Retail, Wholesale, Allied Trade

Honoring the late Colonel and Mrs. Walter E. Mosmiller, Jr., the **Mosmiller Intern Scholarship Program** provides students pursuing a career in retail or wholesale operations an opportunity to gain experience through an internship.



Colonel Mosmiller was a past chairman of the Endowment and a former retail florist in Richmond, Virginia. Throughout his career, he demonstrated a strong, life-long interest in professional training and encouraged young people to pursue careers in the floriculture industry. The Endowment established this program to honor the Mosmillers as a meaningful extension of their industry dedication.

Internships

Internships are for 10 to 16 week periods at a retail florist, wholesaler or allied trade company. Interns are paid by the employer during the training and upon successful completion of the program requirements, receive a \$2,000 cash scholarship.

Where is the Training?

Training sites are at some of the industry's most successful businesses. Training must be conducted at a:

- Retail Florist
- Wholesaler
- Allied Trade Company

Transportation costs are the student's responsibility (\$500 advance is available for travel and relocation).

Why an AFE Internship?

- Train at the industry's top facilities.
- Receive diverse hands-on experience with pay.
- Gain practical business experience.
- Determine future career directions.
- Develop critical skills, potentially improving employment opportunities.
- "Test-drive" an area of interest.



"The Ball Internship Program is a great way to get matched up with growers who are willing to mentor interns and help us pursue our areas of interest. Plus, it provides valuable financial assistance for school."

2011 Ball Intern
Joshua Craver
Mississippi State University