

Bonnie Appleton Memorial Scholarship Program

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Supports college students studying arboriculture, urban forestry, horticulture, nursery management or a related field with the intention of becoming a professional in one of these fields.



TOTAL DONATIONS

January 1 – December 31, 2024: **\$0**



AWARDED IN 2024

2024 Bonnie Appleton Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jakob Van Berkorn of North Dakota State University for **\$5,000**



AWARDEE DETAILS

"My interest in arboriculture began with a foundation of gardening with my mom every summer. I absolutely loved being outside, and I would always help plant, water, and harvest our produce! It was here that my appreciation for nature ignited a lifelong passion for horticulture.

As I grew older, my involvement in FFA opened new avenues for learning more about plants. I was involved in the agronomy and floriculture competitions, but my favorite part of FFA was competing in the state nursery and landscaping competition. It was held at North Dakota State University each year during the North Dakota FFA State Convention. I loved this competition and it quickly became something I looked forward to each year. It included tree identification, customer assistance, a general knowledge exam, and a landscape drawing practicum. In my third year competing, my team won the state competition and advanced to the national competition in Indianapolis, Indiana. The national competition included a few more components than my state competition and included trees from all over the country."- Jakob Van Berkorn