



THE KAREN AND MIKE STUART SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW: A focus of the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association (FFVA) and its foundation is to identify and develop leaders to be strong advocates for Florida agriculture and help foster a pipeline of talent in the industry. In an effort to instill passion for the agriculture industry, engage with a new generation of young leaders and foster a workforce dedicated to the future of Florida agriculture, FFVA created the **Karen and Mike Stuart Scholarship**. The scholarship encourages and supports college students who intend to pursue a career in the specialty crop industry, an area of agriculture focused on vegetables, citrus, tropical fruit, berries, sod, sugar cane, tree crops and more. Applicants may be interested in either production agriculture (growing, shipping, packing) or the allied industry (fertilizer and crop protection, equipment, food safety, sales and marketing, etc.). The scholarship is in recognition of the devotion and many years of service to the specialty crop industry that Karen and Mike Stuart provided.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- *Open to incoming college juniors through graduate programs
- *3.0 GPA or above
- *Must be a student interested in pursuing a career in the specialty crop agriculture industry
- *Must provide a transcript with GPA
- *Must reside in Florida
- *Must submit application form, including essays and two letters of reference, by March 15, 2022**

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- *Scholarship is for \$2,000 for one year
- *Two scholarships will be awarded each year
- *Priority may be given to a member of FFVA, either by family or an intern/employee of an FFVA member company
- *Students will be asked to author an essay for FFVA's Harvester blog

ABOUT FFVA: The Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association is a full-service organization serving Florida's grower-shipper community since 1943. FFVA represents a broad range of crops: vegetables, citrus, tropical fruit, berries, sod, sugar cane, tree crops and more. We listen and respond to our members' needs, working to shape agricultural public policy. Our mission is to enhance the competitive and business environment for producing and marketing fruits, vegetables and other crops.