



The George F. Sorn Scholarship

The George F. Sorn Scholarship is named for an agriculture industry veteran who has worked diligently for decades to improve the education and quality of life for the children of Florida's migrant farmworkers. The scholarship benefits deserving high school graduates who are children of employees in the state's specialty crop industry.



A leading authority on farm labor, George F. Sorn led Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association's Labor Division for 17 years. He then served as FFVA's vice president and general manager from 1984 until his retirement in 1992. He passed away in 2014 after suffering a stroke.

Mr. Sorn left his mark on FFVA and the agriculture industry in a number of ways. At the helm of FFVA, he oversaw a period of steady growth in association membership and services. He created FFVA's Environmental and Pest Management Division, the first of its kind in the country to assist members with crop

protection and water issues.

Labor issues remained the center of Mr. Sorn's focus throughout his 40-year career. He won high praise from state and federal lawmakers and government officials for his negotiating skills and his straightforward approach to government relations.

During his tenure with FFVA's Labor Division, Mr. Sorn began a longtime relationship with Wendall Rollason, founder of the Redlands Christian Migrant Association. As a board member and RCMA president, Mr. Sorn devoted his efforts to ensuring quality day care services and educational opportunities for children of migrant farmworkers.

He will always be remembered for his concern for farmworker families and his numerous contributions for the betterment of Florida agriculture.