



THE MIKE AND KAREN 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 **Mike and Karen 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 Mike and Karen Stuart provided.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- *Open to incoming college juniors through graduate programs
- *3.0 GPA or above
- *Interested in pursuing a career in the specialty crop agriculture industry
- *Transcript with GPA
- *Florida resident
- *Submit application form, including transcript and two letters of reference, by July 15, 2021

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 write an article 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.