

About the Naples Orchid Society...

Founded in 1962, the Naples Orchid Society is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization, devoted to the promotion of, interest in, and appreciation of orchids, as well as the preservation of our native orchids. It is also our goal to disseminate information pertaining to the cultivation and hybridization of orchids for hobbyists.

To these ends, The Society sponsors year-round activities intended to educate individuals in how to obtain and grow healthy blooming orchids which do well in our area. These activities include a highly regarded series of culture classes offered each winter, an annual spring orchid show, a large sale each October, and various bus trips throughout the year to well-known orchid shows and botanical gardens.

The Society currently has approximately 225 members from a wide variety of backgrounds. Our members range from novice, to advanced hobbyist (many award winning), to recognized commercial

growers. Other than payment of modest annual dues, the only requirement for membership is an interest in learning more about orchids and how they grow.

Over 100 native orchids have been identified in Florida. Because of our sub-tropical climate and large amounts of land held by various government entities, Southwest Florida abounds with federal and state protected species.



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We Invite You to Learn About Naples Orchid Society Scholarships



Applications are available at
www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org

A \$2000 annual scholarship will be awarded to a qualified student pursuing a program in Botany, Conservation or Environmental Science.

Preference will be given, but not limited, to a student studying or working in Southwest Florida on a worthy orchid-related project. The scholarship may also be used toward funding an internship at an appropriate organization.



Applications and Awards

Applications may be downloaded from the Naples Orchid Society's website at :

www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org.

There are three sections that must be filled out by scholarship applicants and a fourth section for internship applicants. Please fill them out completely. In addition, official transcripts, letters of reference and/or description of the internship and supervision must also be submitted.

Applications will be accepted at any time. However, for a student who is working on a project at a college or university, the Naples Orchid Society Scholarship will be awarded

at the Society's October meeting, on the first Thursday of that month.

For persons who will be taking part in summer internships, the award will be available in May or June or at another time as deemed appropriate by the Society's Board of Directors.



Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee appointed by the Society's Board of Directors and a recommendation will be made to the Board. The selected applicant will be asked to meet with the Board, in person if possible, or to speak with members of the Board or committee by telephone, and will also be asked to present the results of his or her study to a general membership meeting, if appropriate. This may be done in person if

convenient, or by PowerPoint or other means.



Depending on the nature of the project or internship, the scholarship will be awarded in two parts: \$1,000 initially and another \$1,000 half way through the project or internship, following the submission of an interim progress report. We wish you good luck!

