

[The American Orchid Society cordially invites applications for the AOS/Norman's Orchids Masters Scholarship](#)

[Program](#)

American Orchid Society Masters Scholarship recipients spend two years working on thesis projects related to orchid education, applied orchid science or other aspects of orchid-related science that lead to a Master's degree from accredited institutions.

[Purpose](#)

The purpose is to encourage Masters candidates to pursue orchid education, applied and fundamental research in orchids; to attract future generations of educators and scientists to orchidology; to address critical needs in orchid education.

[Eligibility](#)

The candidate's thesis project must deal with any aspect of orchid education, applied science or orchid biology in the disciplines of physiology, molecular biology, structure, systematics, cytology, ecology or evolution. This scholarship is limited to two consecutive years, during which the recipient will be expected to submit semiannual progress reports, due January 1 of each year. First refusal rights for all publications arising from work funded by the American Orchid Society will be granted to the American Orchid Society.

[Identity of Awardee](#)

All grants are awarded to the institution or organization sponsoring the applicant. No grants are made to individuals. Institutional indirect costs are not allowed. No portion of an award may be deducted for this purpose.

[Amount Awarded](#)

The fixed sum of \$5,000 per year will be awarded for a maximum of two years to an institution on behalf of any given individual.

[Application Information](#)

Candidates should submit a current curriculum vitae, transcripts of all college coursework, synopsis of the proposed project or research, a brief one-page statement of the value of their project and importance to the future of orchid education or orchidology, and a letter of recommendation from their chairperson. One original application should be submitted to the address below as well as an electronic copy to the email address listed below. Applications

for the scholarship must be received by October 1, 2007 with notification of award by February 1, 2008. Women, minorities and persons with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply.

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