The Florida Mosquito Control Association Foundation is now accepting applications for the T. Wainwright Miller, Jr. Florida Mosquito Control Association Scholarship. The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and assist students having a major in Biological, Ecological and/or Entomological studies who are seeking degrees relevant to arthropod control, with particular emphasis on Public Health fields. First place recipients will receive a one-time scholarship award of $2,000.00, while second place recipients will receive $500.00.

The following criteria have been established to choose qualified applicants for the award:

1. The student shall be an undergraduate or graduate. Undergraduates will have completed at least two years of academic study with a minimum of 30 credit hours.
2. The student shall be a United States citizen residing in the state of Florida.
3. Undergraduates shall have maintained an overall grade point average of 3.0 (out of 4.0) during the last 2 years of academic study. Graduate students must have completed at least one full semester of graduate course work and shall have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (out of 4.0) for all graduate course work completed by October 15, 2009.
4. The student shall be enrolled in an accredited College or University in the state of Florida.
5. The student shall be majoring in a field of study having relevance to arthropod control and/or public health.
6. The student shall submit three letters of recommendation, two of which are from professors affiliated with an accredited College or University in which the student is enrolled.
7. The student shall be encouraged to seek summer employment with a local mosquito control district for at least one summer during the award period.
8. The scholarship recipient will be provided a gratis membership in FMCA during the period of the award. The recipient is expected to attend at least one of the two annual Florida Mosquito Control Association meetings. Graduate student recipients will be required to present a paper on their research during an FMCA meeting.

A completed application must contain the following:

1. Name, address, telephone number of applicant, University or College where enrolled, major, overall grade point average, grade point average in major, and number of credit hours completed.

2. Statement from the student concerning interest in public health entomology, career goals, and other factors pertinent to scholastic ability which illustrate qualifications for the scholarship (limited to two typewritten pages [single or double-spaced] on one side only).

3. Three typewritten statements from three persons (two of which from professors from the person's academic institution) who are knowledgeable individuals attesting to entomological interests, character and aptitude.

4. An original copy of current official transcripts of college grades (this may be sent separately). Send only one set of original transcripts per application package.

5. Proof of current enrollment at a Florida College or University.

6. One photograph (black and white, passport size) per application package.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION:
Four copies of application materials should be mailed to the Executive Director, Kellie Etherson, Florida Mosquito Control Association, P.O. Box 358630, Gainesville, FL 32635-8630 and postmarked on or before October 15, 2009.