

**AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURE SCIENCE
AND
CHAD FINN AMBASSADOR AWARD
FUNDING AGREEMENT**

I. PURPOSE

The Chad Finn Ambassador Award was established in 2020 in honor of Dr. Chad Elliot Finn. Chad Finn was a Research Geneticist and Small Fruit Breeder at the USDA-ARS Horticultural Research Crop Unit in Corvallis, Oregon from 1993 to 2019.

Chad Finn was an ambassador to the field of pomology throughout his career. Chad shared his passion for pomology with commercial producers and fruit enthusiasts. As a fruit breeder, Chad released over 50 cultivars during his career. The primary focus of his breeding program was to develop cultivars for the small fruit growers in the Pacific Northwest, yet many of those cultivars have proven to be adapted to countries around the world. Breeding was only one of the many impacts that Chad had in the field of pomology.

Administration of the funding to support this award will be conducted by the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) in cooperation with the American Pomological Society (APS). The fund supporting this Award has been (and can continue to be) augmented by contributions from donors beyond the initial company donation that established funding.

II. ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE AWARD

This award consists of a certificate which is presented to the recipient at the annual meeting of the American Pomological Society. In addition, there will be an annual award to a student selected by the award recipient in an amount up to \$1500.00 to be used to attend a fruit meeting, preferably the ASHS/APS meetings, in the year following award receipt. Funds for the printing of the certificate and a tie-dye t-shirt may be also be drawn from this fund.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

The student award recipient is expected to present a poster or an oral presentation at the fruit meeting they attend using the Chad Finn Ambassador Award funds.

IV. FUNDING

The Award is possible because of the Donor's original gift and subsequent gifts from other parties that are invested. The original gift, subsequent gifts, and the income from these investments will be used only for the purpose specified in this document.

The American Society for Horticultural Science will manage this fund on behalf of the American Pomological Society. The intention is that it is to be managed in such a way that the Award be permanent to be presented for an indefinite period of time. It is also intended that each award will be given in an amount up to \$1,500.00. In the event that adequate funds are not available for distribution in any given year, the Chad Finn Awards Committee can determine that a reduced, or no student travel award be given for that particular year.

Gifts to the Fund, for investment purposes, may be commingled with other investment assets of the American Society for Horticultural Science. These gifts, however, must at all times be separately accounted for and entered onto the books and records of American Society for Horticultural Science. The distributions derived from the investment of the gifts shall be used for the purposes authorized by this Agreement. A 1099 will be distributed to the recipients to follow IRS regulations, and any cost related to the preparation of the 1099 will be paid by the American Pomological Society.

V. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Chad Finn Ambassador Award is conferred on individuals who have made significant contributions to pomology, especially in outreach and service. The awardee should be an outstanding spokesperson for pomology and the fruit industry through exemplary extension, marketing and/or outreach activities. Such contributions may relate to any important area of fruit production, but the ambassador should emulate the spirit of the award by being an advocate of and have a passion for fruit. Activities relating to olericulture or ornamental horticulture are not considered to be within the areas of interest for which the award is to be considered.

A single Chad Finn Ambassador Award may be conferred each year. The recipients are selected by the Chad Finn Awards Committee, which is composed of 3-5 members (1 chair, 2-4 committee members) of APS, appointed by the President of the Society. Two regular committee members are appointed each year to serve for a period of three years. Reappointment for subsequent periods of service is encouraged when the chairperson or members have demonstrated an active interest in the work of the committee. In exceptional cases the award may be awarded posthumously, and the student award will be decided by the Chad Finn Ambassador Award committee.

Nominations of individuals for the Chad Finn Ambassador Award may be submitted by any APS member by May 15th for consideration that year. The nominee should have both outstanding knowledge of and has promoted fruit growth and production through their career/lifetime. Please attach a document with the following information about the nominee:

1. Record of membership in the American Pomological Society.
2. A short (2-4 page) CV with educational and professional experience, honors and awards, as well as professional and honorary society affiliations.

3. Pomological Contributions. Contributions of the nominee should be described briefly but in sufficient detail to serve as a basis for critical evaluation. The ideal nominee will have multiple contributions. Examples may include refereed publications, books or book chapters, popular press articles, Extension guides, support of grower organizations, participation at grower and industry events, Extension agent and or Master Gardener training, social media or activities, etc.
4. Letters of recommendation illustrating impacts. Letters can be from growers, grower organizations or colleagues.

VI. ANNUAL REPORTING

The American Society for Horticultural Science shall provide a written report annually to the American Pomological Society regarding the financial status of the fund including but not limited to total investment, income generated on total investment, and amount distributed.

VII. AMENDMENTS TO THIS DOCUMENT

1. This document can be amended by mutual consent among the President American Society for Horticultural Science, and the Executive Director of American Society for Horticultural Science and the President of the American Pomological Society. Any amendment must be in writing.
2. Should the administration of this Award as outlined herein prove unfeasible, changes may be made by the President of the American Society for Horticultural Science in consultation with the Executive Director of the American Society for Horticultural Science and the President of the American Pomological Society, maintaining as much as possible the original intent of the Chad Finn Ambassador Award as originally developed.

12/4/2020

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Dr. Nahla Bassil, APS President

12/04/2020

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Louise Ferguson

Dr. Louise Ferguson, ASHS, President

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