



It is hard to believe but it has been 15 years since the formation of the Foundation. All those years of donations, plant auctions, arm twisting and now, just like any 15-year-old, the Foundation is growing up and branching out.

As a result of incredible work by 3 Foundation Committees in 2019, we have launched a **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**, giving out two \$2,500 awards. Another Committee has developed the framework to offer **RESEARCH GRANTS**. These grants will be available in lesser dollar amounts and with less red tape than most normal Research Grant applications. Our main objective is to help with the small projects or undergraduate research projects. The third Foundation Committee is offering a flexible program to assist with **INTERNSHIPS**. This program is designed to assist with travel expenses, income subsidy, or housing costs than often can impede a young person gaining experience in the Green Industry. For more information on these Foundation Programs contact Peggy Walsh Craig, Foundation Secretary, fund4hort@gmail.com.

At the annual Conference in Madison Wisconsin we had a very generous fundraising evening raising over \$25,000 in pledges. Thanks to all those generous IPPS donors, both big and small! These funds will help our Foundation grow and allow for continued success with our three legs of the “FOUNDATION STOOL”. But wait; every stool has 4 legs and so does the Foundation. The fourth leg is the Giving Leg.

We need your continued generous support. You can make a corporate or personal pledge over time. You can also make a Legacy gift and make IPPS Foundation a beneficiary of your estate, a life insurance policy, or many other financial options. Please contact me to discuss your situation.

Be a proud parent of your new 15-year-old! This one is a non-profit 501(c)(3) US tax deductible organization and will never ask to borrow your car.

You can make a direct gift online at <https://ipps-eastern-region-foundation.square.site/home> or by mailing a check to IPPS-ER Foundation, PO Box 5764, Wakefield, RI 02880.

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