

Dr. Debby Hanmer Sustainable Agriculture Conference Scholarship

Application Deadline: Wednesday October 12th.

Email Completed Application to Dr. Sales at

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**Or Dr. Sales' Office: Oxendine Science Building Rm:
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When: November 1-3 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) 2024

Depart UNCP for Durham, NC: Friday afternoon

Hotel Arrival in Durham, NC: Friday evening

Conference Events: Saturday and Sunday (Nov 2nd and 3rd)

Return Departure to UNCP: Sunday afternoon (November 3rd)

Location of Sustainable Agriculture Conference: Durham Convention Center

Two-night hotel stay: A Durham Area Hotel (Double occupancy)

Full Weekend Pass: Conference passes include access to in-person workshops, networking, a trade show, refreshments, and other activities at the conference at the Durham Convention Center in Durham, NC.

Meals Included: The scholarship includes a Friday night meal and three meals on Saturday and Sunday.

More information about the conference can be found here:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/f1bdc176-3def-431c-bc15-a7cd7e7a047c/summary?RefId=Home>

Application:

Name Eric Smith

Preferred Pronouns Mr.

Grade Level Senior

Degree Program Biology in Sustainable Agriculture Concentration in Niche Farming

GPA 2.0

Please type your responses.

In one hundred words or less, tell us why you are interested in agriculture?

"We came from dust, we shall till the dust, and we shall return to the dust."

Agriculture has always been and will forever be a necessity as long as humans shall forever walk the Earth. It is something that can not be ignored nor tamed. Without the fruits and the herb no life will thrive, and without man no fruit or vegetable can prosper. My passion in agriculture is specialty crops that found environments suitable for them to produce the highest quality of itself just for us as humans to consume it. For us humans to provide the best protection for these plants is nothing more than a beautiful relationship between one and another. I enjoy the different senses that plants appeal to whether through beautiful colors, scents, textures, or tastes, they all hold value not only to me, but hopefully my surroundings, my people, my community, my nation, and the world.

In one hundred words or less, tell us what excites you about attending this conference?

I enjoy the vast amount of information that is presented. There are many different types of people, traditions, point of views, backgrounds, etc. that all have extremely knowledgeable resources and/or experiences. The only downfall is that there are many classes at once and I need a team to collect all the different information for each class. I love the connection, food, the BOOKS, seed exchange, merchandise, location, resources and products that will assist in my future farm. The biggest for me is COMMUNICATION! I love talking to others that are just as interested as me. I love conversing with people who

have already tried doing things I want to try. Even if they fail, it encourages me. It gives me hope that there is a field dedicated to this type of work.

In one hundred words or less, tell us how this conference will impact your career goals?

This is my senior here at UNCP. My grandfather left me with 5.3 acre farm land to continue our family farm. Although I am extremely knowledgeable in my field and traditional practices that I was brought up on, I am fully aware of the phrase "It is not what you know, but who you know". My biggest priorities right now once I graduate is to find a career in my field of study, find different sustainable varieties and techniques, and build capital. I would also like to have the correct connection to resources that will benefit my farm business plan. Truthfully I need to attend the conference this year in order to show my face and talk with others about my farm plan and career path and opportunities. I wish that I could observe the conference this year, however I need to be involved this year so that I can start building a foundation for my plans after graduation. This conference will give me the perfect opportunity to ask the proper question now that I know what I am trying to acquire and achieve.