



**VESTA National Center**  
***Gordon “Stanley” Howell Memorial Scholarship***

The VESTA National Center is pleased to announce the **Gordon “Stanley” Howell Memorial Scholarship**, a donor-funded scholarship for qualified VESTA students. The recipient must plan to enroll in the VESTA program with the intent to pursue a certificate or AAS degree in viticulture, enology or wine business entrepreneurship.

Dr. Howell loved plants and received his doctoral degree in Horticulture, a focus in which he found delight in the applied plant based biological sciences, a fascination that continued throughout his life. Stan was hired as an Assistant Professor of Horticulture in 1969 at Michigan State University and progressed through the academic ranks to Professor in 1980, and then Professor of Viticulture Emeritus upon his retirement in 2006. Stan found enjoyment in the science and economics of grapevines, good wine and the company of good people. He loved the philosophies of science and felt that it was less a career choice or area of inquiry and more a manner of thinking and acting upon those thoughts. A major joy of his professional life was his relationship with students who came through his mentorship, i.e., “House of Howell,” and progressed to positions of responsibility in science and industry. Stan was involved with the development of the quality wine industry in Michigan. He strongly believed that growth must flow from scientifically critically produced data and his research and outreach were exceedingly valuable. The recipient of this scholarship will reflect the qualities of education and leadership Dr. Howell exemplified.

**Eligibility:**

- Declared degree seeking student

**Award Amount:**

- Approximately \$500 for fees, course required workshops, and/or educational materials.

**Application Procedure:**

- Complete the [Gordon “Stanley” Howell Memorial Scholarship application](#)
- Provide an essay (500 words or less, two double –spaced pages maximum) that details your future goals and how this scholarship would help you.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from an instructor, employer, counselor, or administrator.  
Note: Recommenders may mail the completed recommendation separately, but the review committee strongly suggests that recommendations be submitted by the student together with all other requisite application materials. To maintain confidentiality, letters should be enclosed in a sealed, signed envelope with the student’s name written on the front.

**Deadline:**

Application and supporting materials must be postmarked no later than:  
Fall Semester – September 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spring Semester – February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Summer Semester – June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Notification:**

Applicants will be notified by via email:  
Fall Semester – September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Semester – February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Summer Semester – June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Submit completed applications to:**

*Gordon “Stanley” Howell Memorial Scholarship*  
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Missouri State University-  
West Plains  
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