

# WILLIAM SHELBURNE

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## EDUCATION

### **B.S. Landscape Contracting, Virginia Tech, May 2019**

University Honors  
Dean's List Fall 2015, Spring 2016  
Presidential Global Scholars – 2016

## SKILLS

- > Ornamental and Vegetable Plant Production
- > Landscape Design and Maintenance

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

### **Honors – Alumni Presidential Scholarship:**

Merit scholarship available to incoming University Honors students; \$10,000 Yearly

### **Steger Center for International Scholarship:**

Awarded to students wishing to study in Riva San Vitale at the Steger Center; \$5,397

**Walter S. Newman Memorial:** Scholarships are awarded annually to entering freshmen. Recipients must be from Southwest Virginia and from a rural background. Academic achievement, financial need, extracurricular activities, and leadership potential are also considered in the selection; \$1,000

### **South East Produce Council's STARS**

**Scholarship:** STARS is the Southeast Produce Councils scholarship program available to outstanding students who are agriculture majors in Southeast based land grant universities. The goal of STARS is to recruit top students and to introduce them to job opportunities in the produce industry; \$2,500

## PAID EXPERIENCE

### **Outside Lawn and Garden Associate**

Lowe's

#### **Summer 2016**

- > Performed routine garden center maintenance which included watering, pest and disease identification and store cleanliness
- > Assisted customers in the selection of plants and products to fit their location and desired outcome

### **Landscaper**

Employed by a private individual

#### **Summer 2013, Summer 2014**

- > Maintained four-acre landscape of an elderly widow
- > Responsibilities included care for hedges, shrubbery, lawn and property line trimming, individual specimen plants and mass plantings

### **Landscaping and Staging Assistant**

Employed by a private estate

#### **Summer 2013**

- > Hired to assist in the staging and landscape construction/maintenance for a 100-acre estate, valued at 1.4 million dollars, in preparation for the real estate market

### **Hops Research Assistant**

Virginia Tech Department of Horticulture

#### **August 2016 - Current**

- > Hired to assist in the care, maintenance and research of the hop yard at the Virginia Tech Urban Horticulture Center. Duties included harvesting, pest and disease identification, irrigation and full life cycle care of the plants.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- > **Victory Restoration Church Volunteer Musician (2015 – Present)** I volunteer to play with the band on Sunday mornings and for special occasions
- > **Landscaping and mowing for a Widow in Dublin, VA. (2015)** Mowed and landscaped for a disabled widow on an as needed basis
- > **Landscaping and mowing service project. (2013 and 2014)** Coordinated and lead a team of youth to mulch, landscape and mow the yards of two elderly widows

## REFERENCES

References are available upon request.