



RMBS National Show Stipend Guidelines

Summary

The RMBS board approved a benefit to members to be funded from the income of the 2023 ABS show at Denver Botanic Gardens. Each year the RMBS President will provide a stipend of \$500 to at least one member who has a tree accepted in a national show. The \$500 is to help cover the expense of attending the show.

Guidelines

1. The member must submit their tree to one of the national shows sponsored by ABS, BCI, Pacific Bonsai Expo, or US National Bonsai Show.
2. In addition to showing the tree, the member is to attend the show in person and to provide a short article for the newsletter upon their return. Stipend recipients are encouraged to host a summer workshop on "How to Prepare Your Tree for a Show" for RMBS members.
3. To be eligible the member must be dues current and notify the RMBS president when their tree is accepted, prior to the show.
4. Each year a member is eligible for a single stipend of \$500. A member may not receive a stipend two years in a row.
5. If in any one year more than one member has a tree accepted, up to three stipends of \$500 may be awarded: Priority is given to members who have not previously received a stipend.
6. This stipend will be provided each year until either \$5,000 has been awarded or five years (2024 through 2028) have passed at which time the RMBS board will decide whether to continue funding this stipend and if so under what rules and for how long. The RMBS board may also at its discretion terminate this stipend at any time.

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Please note that information in this policy is the most current instruction and guidance. This policy supersedes any previous related policy and is expected to be accurately followed by all RMBS members.