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The Ball Colegrave Scholarship Award 2009

The David Colegrave Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Ball Colegrave Scholarship Award for 2009.

This award provides a bursary of up to £2500 to support a young person employed on a Commercial Bedding Plant Nursery to fund travel to Europe in order to develop their knowledge and experience in bedding plant production and marketing.

Stuart Lowen, Marketing Manager for Ball Colegrave, the sponsors of the scholarship, commented: "This Scholarship is unusual in that it is available to a young person already working within the commercial bedding plant industry. David Colegrave never lost sight of the fact that the future of the industry depended on young people, and he encouraged them and stimulated them to succeed. Ball Colegrave too believes in the need to invest in young people and felt it fitting in providing this special award to encourage the continuous professional development of young people in our sector."

The award is available to all employees of Bedding Plant Nurseries who may already be in the early stages of their work career and looking for progression within the business. The award would assist in helping the successful candidate in broadening their horticultural experience and personal development.

Applications for the Ball Colegrave Scholarship Award 2009 should be received no later than 31st December 2008, and the winner will be announced in early 2009.

Application forms are available on the David Colegrave Foundation website (www.davidcolegravefoundation.org.uk).

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Notes to Editors

Ball Colegrave is a renowned distributor of seed and plant product to the ornamental bedding industry. In 2001, Colegrave Seeds Ltd, a family-owned business founded by David Colegrave in 1962, merged with Ball Horticultural (founded in 1905 by George J Ball), creating Ball Colegrave. The merging of the history and knowledge of both companies allows Ball Colegrave to continue to supply the quality of product and service expected by our customers. Ball Colegrave has presented many innovative, award-winning products to the horticultural industry, including the Ride The Wave® Petunias and Viola Sorbet™, Fantastic Foliage and Fantastic Flowers. Ball Colegrave serves the UK market supporting the grower, nursery owner, garden centre, retailer, parks and landscape organisations through product and promotion.

David Colegrave was one of Britain's leading seedsman, founding the U.K.'s largest ornamental seed company. The David Colegrave Foundation was established following his death in 1992 and seeks to provide scholarships for horticulture students. The David Colegrave Foundation is administered by The Horticultural Trades Association.