

# ROBERT F. BREVITZ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



*Robert Brevitz*

Robert F. Brevitz graduated with a B.S. in Forestry from the then Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1923.

Bob was first employed for three years by the Consumers Power Company as a crew chief responsible for overhead line tree clearance in the Jackson area.

He then founded his own company under the corporate name of The Michigan Shade Tree Company, Inc., serving mostly municipalities and public utility companies.

He continued to operate his company for five years until the depression forced suspension of operations from 1931 to 1937. During that time, he served as Superintendent of Parks for the City of Battle Creek and Field Administrator for the Department of Conservation.

He resumed operation of his company in 1937 and managed a very successful business for thirty years before turning over the active management to his son, Bruce.

His state and local activities include a 12-year membership in the State Natural Resources Commission which he chaired for two terms, and serving as Vice President and Treasurer of the local school board.

Bob is a Charter Member and Past President of the Michigan Forestry and Park Association.

Due to their interest in helping students at Michigan State University who wish to pursue a career in Urban Forestry, Bob and his son, Bruce, in January of 1981 donated to the Michigan Forestry and Park Association 800 shares of stock in Southern Company valued at \$10,000. Proceeds from this investment are to be used to provide assistance to Urban Forestry students at Michigan State University through a yearly scholarship of approximately \$1000.

## **GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF AWARD RECIPIENT**

Award Recipient must be a junior, senior, or graduate student majoring in Urban Forestry at Michigan State University.

Preference will be given those students who are interested in pursuing Urban Forestry in the field after leaving the University.

Grade point average will be considered but **not as a dominant factor in the selection.**



Financial need will be considered as one of the dominant factors in selection.

Demonstrated interest in and enthusiasm for Urban Forestry as a profession will be a dominant factor in selection.

Students receiving either the Karl Dressel or Garfield Award will **not** be eligible to receive this award during the same year.

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