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## Florida School IPM Focus on 2011

Happy New Year. We hope you are all getting 2011 off to a good start. This issue covers some very important and time sensitive topics. The first being our Florida School IPM Working group Spring meeting. We understand that travel budgets have been reduced or eliminated for most of our Working Group members. With this in mind **we are cancelling our February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting in Apopka.** We would like to use the School IPM news as a discussion forum for our group. If you have an idea or story you would like to share please let us know and we will include your information in an upcoming newsletter. We will be sad not to see all of you this spring but we are looking forward to a productive new year, lots of good communication via the newsletter and a fantastic Fall meeting. Please send news items or ideas to [Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman](#).

## It's Time to Think About Clutter Again



With the FCAT returning to Florida classrooms it is time to think about managing clutter. Clutter can not only increase your pest problems it can also cause students to have performance problems on the FCAT. Let's help all of our schools become A+ schools by working with teachers and administrators to minimize clutter.

Please take a minute to look at some of the Pest Presses we have available on [our website](#). Don't forget you can customize Pest Presses to fit your needs. Take a minute to modify and forward our Pest Press on clutter to teachers in your school or district. Our goal is to have every school using IPM to protect everyone in the school from the risks posed by pests and pesticides.

For more information about the Florida School IPM program and how to tailor our material to fit your needs please contact Faith at: [foi@ufl.edu](mailto:foi@ufl.edu) or Jennifer at: [gillett@ufl.edu](mailto:gillett@ufl.edu). We are both happy to help you make this school year a success.

## Scholarship Program: National School Plant Management Association

The National School Plant Management Association (NSPMA) seeks to assist students as they continue their education by offering scholarships to students in search of an Associate or Bachelor's

degree.

Any graduating high school senior, college freshman, sophomore, or junior is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Individual scholarships may range from \$500 to \$1,500 depending on candidate interest and evaluation results, and upon recommendation from the Scholarship Committee.

Following the award of a scholarship, the scholarship payment is made directly to the college or university and credited to the recipient's account.

Individuals interested in being considered must complete all application materials and submit the required documents to be received at the postal address by March 1, 2011.

2011 NSPMA Scholarship Application Forms and information documents are contained in the application packet which is available for download at: [www.nspma.org](http://www.nspma.org)



**John Noel**  
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## News!

We hope you will submit news items and would be happy to help you write a story if you have an idea but don't have the time to write up the information. This newsletter will be published as content arrives, please keep the information flowing! Please send news items to [Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman](mailto:jennifer.gillett-kaufman@nspma.org).