

## **John D. Lawson**

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### Personal Biography

John Lawson is a Senior at Clemson University pursuing a degree in Plant and Environmental Sciences with a focus in Agricultural Biotechnology.

John has had a deep passion for cultivating plants since working in his family's vegetable garden as a child. Understanding his interest, John pursued and received an Associate's degree in Horticulture from Spartanburg Community College which provided him to opportunity to intern at the Biltmore Estate. John's interests are in the production of elite cultivars using both traditional and molecular breeding techniques to develop a better end product for the consumer.

John is a member of Clemson University's Agronomy Club, a College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences (CAFLS) Undergraduate Research Initiative recipient, and enjoys fishing in his free time.

John is very grateful to have been selected as one of the 2019-2020 STARS scholarship recipients and is excited about the opportunity to attend the Southeastern Exposure Conference.