

The Surry County Master Gardener Volunteers Association Scholarship

The stated objective of the Surry County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers' Association is to promote the dissemination of information regarding sound horticulture practices. To this end, the Association provides plant clinics, public seminars, individual counseling, and other services.

In order to expand and enhance its stated objectives, and to promote the professional preparation of future leaders in the field of horticulture, the SCEMGVA shall award an annual scholarship in the amount of \$500.

The SCMGVA will elect, annually, a Scholarship Committee of three. These shall be active members of the Association. The Scholarship Committee's responsibilities shall include developing an appropriate application form, publicizing the availability of the scholarship, optional interviews of applicants, and recommendation of the most deserving applicant to the SCEMGVA for approval.

Scholarship Qualifications:

1. The applicant must be a graduate of a high school in Surry County, including home schooled students, and resides in Surry County.
2. The applicant's stated career goal upon entering the junior year of professional preparation is that of horticulture or a related agricultural field of study.
3. The scholarship award may be renewable for previous recipients entering their senior academic year upon recommendation of the scholarship committee.
4. Applicants must submit the appropriate forms to the SCEMGVA Scholarship Committee by May 1.
5. The scholarship award will be paid directly into the student's account at the college or university in which the student is enrolled.
6. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right, in its recommendations to the Association, to deviate from stated requirements.
7. Preference will be given to those pursuing a four-year degree.

Master Gardener Scholarship Committee
Surry County Extension Service
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Dear student,

The Surry County Master Gardeners Association has established a \$500 scholarship to assist students such as yourself in completing a four-year degree leading to a career in horticulture or a related field. The scholarship is intended to encourage professional preparation of future leaders in the field of horticulture. We are pleased that you have chosen such a career and thank you for your interest in obtaining our assistance in completing your studies.

Qualified candidates will be entering the third or fourth year of a four-year program of study. Each applicant must be a graduate of a high school or equivalent program in Surry County, North Carolina, and must complete and submit the application form by May 1. The Scholarship Committee may, after reviewing applications, request a personal interview with specific candidates.

In addition to the information requested in the application form, you may include one letter of recommendation from an instructor or employer who is not a relative.

Please sign your application and mail to the above address. If selected, you will be asked to provide an official transcript.

Best wishes,

Chair, Scholarship Committee

NC State University and NC A&T State University are collectively committed to positive action to secure equal opportunity and prohibit discrimination and harassment regardless of age, color, disability, family and marital status, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation and veteran status. NC State, NC A&T, U.S. Department of Agriculture and local governments cooperating.

APPLICATION FORM

First name _____ Last name _____

Home address: Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zipcode _____

Phone/cell number _____

Email address _____ Date of birth _____

Address at the college or university you currently attend:

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zipcode _____

Name of high school or home school program _____

Year graduated _____ High school GPA _____ Class rank _____

High school course of study _____

List horticulture or agriculture courses taken in high school

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What horticulture or leadership clubs or activities did you participate in during high school (e.g., FFA)? Include offices held.

List colleges or universities attended with dates.

Where will you be enrolled for the 2020-2021 academic year?

Will you be a junior or senior for the 2020-2021 academic year? _____

Current overall GPA _____ Current GPA in classes required for your major _____

What major course of study are you enrolled in (for example horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, forestry, agronomy, plant pathology, conservation, environmental science, etc.)?

What college extracurricular activities have been related to your career goal? Include offices held.

Have you completed an internship? Describe. _____

If you are currently employed, where? _____

List any honors or awards or additional relevant information you would like the selection committee to consider.

List your career choices in priority order.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please attach a 300-400 word response in paragraph form to **one** of the following questions:

- a. What has motivated you to study horticulture? (You may include family experiences, instructors, friends, or employment, etc. Focus on which was most influential.)
- b. What experiences have you enjoyed related to horticulture?
- c. How important do you believe horticulture is to environmental preservation?

The information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my ability.

Signature _____

Date _____

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