

**Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association
College Scholarship**



Scholarship Application Guidelines

Eligibility:

- Applicant **MUST** meet timeline specified in this application.
- Applicant must have be a resident of Austin, Colorado, Fayette or Washington County.
- Applicant must be a current full time student.
- Applicant must have completed their junior year of high school.
- Applicant must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.50.
- Applicant must complete application in its entirety.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Procedure and Check List

- _____ 1. Please complete the attached application **IN FULL**.
- _____ 2. Enclose the completed application and a publishable quality picture of yourself.
- _____ 3. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped, legal-size envelope with the application.
- _____ 4. Attach one official current transcript from an institute of higher learning.
- _____ 5. Provide the last four digits of Social Security Number. Scholarships over \$750 must be reported to the IRS, and the recipient must provide the complete social number before receiving scholarship funds.
- _____ 6. Mail the **SIGNED** application to:

Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Office
Attention: BMGA Scholarship Committee
Courthouse, 1 East Main
Bellville, Texas, 7741

- _____ 7. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED
BY: March 15**

NO EXCEPTIONS!

2. Achievements

List any honors, awards, elected offices, delegates to conferences, etc. in any organization. List by year beginning with the most recent year.

Date **Description**

3. List other scholarship, awards, or endowment money awarded.

Date **Description**

4. Community Service

List any community service, organization and date of participation. List by year beginning with the most recent year.

Date **Service** **Organization**

5. Work Experience

List your work experience whether or not it is related to your chosen field of study. Will you be working while attending school? ____yes
____no. List by year beginning with the most recent year.

Employer	Position/job duties	Dates
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6. Letters of Recommendation

Attach three typed or printed letters of recommendation. One must be from an instructor of your current school. The second may be from a recent employer, club advisor, church leader who can attest to your character, integrity, leadership, work ethic, etc. No letters from family members will be accepted. (Note: it is advisable to request these letters well in advance of the application due date.)

7. Personal/Family/Financial Hardship

If you have a personal, family, or financial hardship that we should be aware of, please describe.

8. Number of siblings in college _____.

Name	College currently attending
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9. **Essay**

Type and attach an essay of no more than one page, double spaced and using 12 font. The essay should reflect your personal interest in horticulture or horticulture related fields and your career goals. Express how this scholarship will help you attain your career goals.

The recipient of the BMGA scholarship may be asked to attend and speak at a BMGA meeting. He or she should be prepared to speak briefly about personal and career goals and how the scholarship has or will help in attaining those goals.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

10) **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** (Maximum 5 points)

Attach the recommendation from one of the following: professor, faculty or staff, Aggie alumni, clergy or employer who can attest to your character, integrity, leadership, work ethic. No letters from family members will be accepted. Note: It is advisable to request this be returned to you well in advance of the application's due date. Also, requesting letters from three different sources ensures that you will have two ready on time.

11) **ESSAY** (Maximum 20 points)

Type and attach an essay of no more than one page double spaced using a 10 to 12 font. The essay should reflect personal and career goals as well why the applicant is applying for the Harry DeFoy Scholarship.

The recipient of our scholarship may be asked to attend and speak at our Recognition Award Night in December. He or she should be prepared to speak briefly about how the scholarship has or will help in attaining person and career goals.

Applicant's signature: _____