



The Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association Horticulture Scholarship Program

In keeping with its mission to promote and provide for the future success of Maryland's ornamental horticulture industry, the Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association shall sponsor academic scholarships to students pursuing an education in the field of landscape/ornamental horticulture, according to the following terms and conditions:

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a resident of Maryland. Attendance at an institution in Maryland is not a requirement.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate landscape/horticulture program or related discipline at a two-year or four-year institution.
3. Applicant must have a minimum grade point average overall of 2.7 based on a scale of 4.0 and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 in their major.
4. Applicant must have junior or senior standing in a four-year curriculum or be in the second year of study in a two-year curriculum. Graduate students are also eligible.

Other Considerations:

1. Scholarships will be awarded for a full academic year, beginning with the fall semester.
2. Three awards of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded, annually. Awards may be used towards tuition, books, supplies, and student fees.
3. Previous MNLGA scholarship awardees are eligible for additional funding in subsequent years.
4. Awards will be paid directly to the educational institution, in the student's name.
5. Applications will be weighted based on a combination of merit and financial need.
6. Award winners will receive a complimentary student membership to the Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association, for one year. The student will also receive complimentary admission to MNLGA-sponsored events during that year.

Application:

Students may apply by submitting an application packet by May 15th, to be given consideration for the following academic year, beginning with the fall semester. The application includes: a cover letter, resume, transcript, and two letters of recommendation. A four-member committee - two MNLGA board or staff members, and two individuals from the industry, will evaluate the applications. Results will be announced in July. Recipients will be invited to attend the MNLGA's annual membership meeting, held during the Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show, in January, to receive recognition.

Applications may be obtained at the MNLGA website www.mnlga.org, or by contacting the MNLGA office at 410-823-8684.

Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association Ornamental Horticulture
Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Educational Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Standing as of coming fall semester: ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Graduate Student

____ 2nd Year of 2-Year Program

Expected financial need for the upcoming year: _____

Presently receiving any financial aid (including scholarships)? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, what kind? _____

Amount? _____

Along with this application, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter detailing your course of study and interest in your major; how this scholarship will benefit you; and your plans after graduation.
2. One-page resume of your background, education, and employment history, if applicable.
3. Official transcripts of your grades from the registrar's office.
4. Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a department faculty member. These letters must be sent under separate cover.

Deadline for receipt of application is May 15th. You may send your completed applications, and request your recommendations to be sent to:

Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 726
Brooklandville, MD 21022

If you have any questions, please call the MNLGA office at 410-823-8684 or visit www.mnlga.org.