

WVU Extension Master Gardeners **2017 Scholarship Application Instructions**

Criteria for a \$1,000 scholarship given by the WVU Extension Master Gardeners are as follows. The assistance must be to a West Virginia institute of higher learning.

1. The applicant must be a resident of Morgan County, WV as well as a current student of Berkeley Springs High School or Paw Paw High School.
2. The applicant must have been accepted to a West Virginia institute of higher learning and be pursuing a degree/certification in horticulture, agriculture, forestry or similar environmental sciences.
3. The applicant must have maintained at least a 3.00 GPA in high school.
4. Complete the application (using ink, printed neatly). Follow instructions carefully.
5. A personal letter by the applicant introducing yourself, explaining financial need, vocational plans and college choice. **Letter must be signed and dated.**
6. A sealed transcript must be included to substantiate the GPA. Recent college entrance test scores (SAT and/or ACT) must be on the transcript to be acceptable for evaluation purposes.
7. Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a faculty member of the current academic institution) are required. An example of a person giving the reference might include a teacher, a work or volunteer supervisor, clergy or a counselor.
8. An essay on your educational/career goals in the above cited fields.
9. A copy of a letter of acceptance from at least one college (WV) is required.

No consideration for this scholarship will be given unless **all of the above requirements accompany the application.** Application packages are to be submitted to the WVU Extension Office **no later than Friday, April 28, 2017.** Students' application packages will be screened by the Scholarship Committee. Questions may be directed to : WVU Extension Master Gardeners Scholarship Committee c/o WVU Extension Office, 129 Fairfax St., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 Phone 304/258-8400

2017 WVU Extension Master Gardeners Scholarship Application

Important Notice

Application deadline is **Friday, April 28, 2017**. Incomplete or late packages will not be considered. Packages must include:

1. Completed ***Application*** (typed or neatly printed).
2. Applicant's ***Personal Essay*** (typed or neatly printed, dated and signed).
3. ***Official Transcript of Grades*** with SAT/ACT scores (sealed).
4. ***Essay*** on career goals and field of study.
5. ***Two Letters of Recommendation*** (at least one from a faculty member of the current school).
6. ***Letter of Acceptance*** from a WV institute of higher learning.

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Street Address _____ Phone () - _____
City, State,
Zip _____ Email _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___ Place of Birth _____
Month Day Year

Are you currently an American Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No

If you were not born an American Citizen, but are a Naturalized American Citizen, give date, place (Office or Court) & Naturalization Number.

Date _____ Place _____ Number _____
Court or Office/City & State

If you were not born in the United States, but are a citizen by birth, explain circumstances.

Date _____ Signature _____ (Student)

Schools Attended (9th through 12th grades)

Name of School _____ Dates Attended _____
Does school offer honor courses? ___ Yes ___ No Did you participate? ___ Yes ___ No
Does school offer advanced placement courses? ___ Yes ___ No Did you participate ___ Yes ___ No

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Does school offer honor courses? ___ Yes ___ No Did you participate? ___ Yes ___ No
Does school offer advanced placement courses? ___ Yes ___ No Did you participate ___ Yes ___ No

Graduation Date _____ Class Rank _____ Number of students in class _____
List best ACT score _____ List best combined SAT score _____ Math _____ Verbal _____

Your College Plans

State your plans for enrollment in an accredited WV college/university or technical school. Include your planned major. (Attach separate page if needed) _____

Community Service

List volunteer work or community service you performed, without pay, from August 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016. (Attach separate page if needed)

Total Hours of Service Dates of Participation Type of Work Name of Agency or Organization

Grand Total Hours of Service _____

Honors and Awards

Include scholastic, extracurricular and civic honors and awards during grades 9 through 12. State nature of award and grade won, i.e. Girl Scout Gold Award, 12. Do not abbreviate names of awards. (Attach separate page if needed)

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Positions of Leadership

State name of organization, position and grade(s) position was held from grades 9 through 12, starting with most recent, i.e. Key Club, President, 11. (Attach separate page if needed)

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Activities and Organizations

Include all scholastic, extracurricular and civic organizations that you participated in during Grades 9 through 12, even those listed in Positions of Leadership section. State name of organization and the grades you were involved, starting with most recent. i.e. Boy Scouts, 9, 10, 11 (Attach separate page if needed)

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| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

WVU Extension Master Gardeners Scholarship Recommendation Form

Please print or type and return to applicant by _____
Month *Day* *Year*

Part 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Name _____

Name of Reference _____

Part 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY REFERENCE

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please evaluate the applicant by placing a check in the column that most nearly represents your opinion. If you lack the knowledge to make a definite rating, please check "Unable to Observe".

Area of Evaluation	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Observe
Intellectual Ability					
Community Involvement					
Extra-Curricular Involvement					
Motivation					
Integrity					
Leadership Ability					
Commitment to pursuing a college degree					

On a separate sheet of paper, explain why you would recommend this student for the scholarship. Give examples of the student's strengths.

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date

WVU Extension Master Gardeners Scholarship Recommendation Form - Teacher

Please print or type and return to applicant by _____
Month *Day* *Year*

Part 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Name _____

Name of Reference _____

Part 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY REFERENCE

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please evaluate the applicant by placing a check in the column that most nearly represents your opinion. If you lack the knowledge to make a definite rating, please check "Unable to Observe".

Area of Evaluation	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Observe
Intellectual Ability					
Community Involvement					
Extra-Curricular Involvement					
Motivation					
Integrity					
Leadership Ability					
Commitment to pursuing a college degree					

On a separate sheet of paper, explain why you would recommend this student for the scholarship. Give examples of the student's strengths.

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date