



**VAN RENSSELAER GARDEN CLUB (VRGC)**  
**Nina Pattison Memorial Scholarship Application**

The purpose of this scholarship is to facilitate and advance horticulture and related studies for residents of Rensselaer County.

Nina Pattison was an icon and a vital member of the Van Rensselaer Garden Club from 1989 to 2019. Her involvement and commitment to her community was widespread and she inspired anyone who had the privilege to know her. Her curiosity and enthusiasm were contagious; she served as a role model for many. An intrepid and life-long learner, Nina enriched herself continuously through new experiences and educational opportunities. It is in her honor that the VRGC established and awards this scholarship annually.

Qualifying programs include internships, college courses, certificate programs and continuing education. Possible topics of study include: landscape design, plant sciences, floral design, medicinal plants, soil management, turf management, circular economy using plants, master gardener programs.

- A maximum of \$1000 will be awarded to any one applicant. \$2000 in total will be distributed in 2025.
- Applications may be submitted by May 31, 2026 and will be awarded by June 30, 2026.
- Applicants must be high school graduates as of June 2026 or earlier.
- Each recipient will be required to submit a written report to VRGC detailing their experience, **AND** make a brief presentation to the VRGC at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting;
- Scholarships will be open to members of VRGC, and their family members, with the exception of members of the selection committee;
- Recipients are eligible to re-apply in succeeding years;
- If possible, all awards will be paid directly to the school, organization or entity that each recipient will attend;
- Finalists will be asked to interview with one or multiple members of the selection committee
- Please direct any questions to: [Scholar.VRGC@gmail.com](mailto:Scholar.VRGC@gmail.com)

Please submit applications by **MAY 31, 2026** to:

**EMAIL:** [Scholar.VRGC@gmail.com](mailto:Scholar.VRGC@gmail.com)

**MAIL:** VRGC SCHOLARSHIP, PO BOX 618, WYNANTSKILL, NY 12198



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**Name:**

**Address:**

**Contact Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

**If High School or College Student,  
Name of School:**

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**In 500 words or less, please explain your interest in this subject matter and how your studies will contribute to your community and its environment.**