

Richland County Master Gardener 2026 Scholarship for High School Seniors

The Richland County Master Gardener Association (RCMGA) is excited to announce that we will award two \$1,000.00 scholarships. Graduating high school seniors from Fairfield, Kershaw, and Richland County schools who have been accepted into an accredited 2 - 4 year technical program, college, or university and plan to major in horticultural-or agricultural-related studies (Agribusiness, Agriculture, Agriculture Education, Sustainable Agriculture, Botany, Entomology, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Forestry, Greenhouse Management, Landscape Design, and Turf Management) are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

The student must already be accepted to an accredited program for this scholarship opportunity. The completed application is **due online by midnight May 1, 2026. Late applications cannot be considered.**

Applications that are not complete will not be accepted. The submitted application must include:

1. Copy of the letter of acceptance to the 2-or 4-year college or university
2. Student resume of career-related activities and awards
3. A 500-word essay on the student's interest in horticultural, agricultural, or related fields
4. Two letters of recommendation, one from a high school teacher and the other from a non-related mentor.

RCMGA will notify the scholarship recipient by May 30, 2026, and will invite the recipient to attend an RCMGA midday luncheon celebration on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

If you have any questions about the application, please send questions to Mary Stepling at RCMGAscholar@gmail.com.

The application can be found online <https://www.richlandmastergardeners.com/scholarship-opportunities>

RCMGA looks forward to this opportunity to provide a scholarship to a student interested in a horticultural or agricultural major!