

DAVIDSON COUNTY EXTENSION

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



The Davidson County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association is offering a **\$1,000 non-renewable scholarship** for 2026-2027 academic year. The scholarship will be awarded in April 2026.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be current high school seniors residing in Davidson County and attending a public, private, or homeschool within Davidson County.
- Plan to attend an institution of higher education and intend to pursue a degree in horticulture, agriculture, or any related environmental field.
- Have a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.50

Application Requirements:

All applicants must submit the following materials:

- **Completed Application Form**
- **Personal Essay:** A 250-300 word essay addressing the prompt below.
- **Official Transcript:** A current and valid high school transcript.

Essay Prompt:

Describe your interest in horticulture or a related environmental field, your career goals, and how you intend to make a positive impact.

Submission Deadline:

Applications must be delivered in person or postmarked by **Friday, March 6, 2026**.

Mail or Deliver to:

Davidson County Master Gardener Association
c/o Scholarship Committee
301 East Center Street
Lexington, NC 27292

The Davidson County Extension Master Gardener Association is committed to equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status or disability. In addition, the association welcomes all persons without regard to sexual orientation.

Selection Process:

After the submission deadline, a committee will review all applications. Qualified finalists may be selected for individual interviews, which are scheduled for March 2026. The scholarship winner(s) will be announced once these interviews are completed and will be invited to attend the upcoming Master Gardener General Meeting for formal recognition.

Questions:

For any questions regarding the application process, please contact Martha Keel at 336-239-4058 or marthackeel@gmail.com.

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EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

Application must be complete and returned or postmarked by March 6, 2026.

1. Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

2. Home Address: _____

City State Zip Code Telephone with area code

3. Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

4. E-Mail Address: _____

5. Current School Attending: _____

Current School Address: _____

6. Intended Major: _____

7. Intended College: _____

Intended College Address: _____

Have you been accepted (☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Career Objectives: _____

9. List extracurricular/volunteer activities/organizations/clubs with dates of participation. Additional information may be included on back of this page.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITY	START DATE	END DATE
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

10. Employment History:

NAME OF BUSINESS	START DATE	END DATE
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

11. Copy of current, valid academic transcript
12. Personal essay: On a separate piece of paper, answer the essay prompt.
13. Contact information for person providing letter of reference that is included in your application.

Name: _____ Phone/E-mail: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application is not complete and **WILL NOT** be considered without

- Current, valid academic transcript
- Personal essay
- Sealed letter of reference

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