

Northern Neck Master Gardeners Association (NNMG)
Scholarship Guidelines



Goal: To provide financial assistance to a deserving student from the Northern Neck who is studying at an accredited Virginia institution of higher education. Preference will be given to students majoring in horticulture, agriculture, or a related field. Emphasis will be placed on a commitment to horticulture with coursework, community involvement, and career goals. NNMG reserves the right to not award this Scholarship.



Award: \$1,000.00

Funds Disbursement: Funds will be submitted to the Bursar's Office of the institution where the student is registered. The funds will be applied to the recipient's books, tuition, or room and board as the recipient chooses. The recipient has until the completion of the 2024-25 academic year to use these funds for their qualifying/stated educational goals. Should situations preclude the timely and intended use of these funds, any and all balances will revert back to the NNMG Association for disbursement to future applicants. Under no circumstances will there be any other uses or transfers of these funds to individuals, other parties, and/or other uses not covered by the stated goals and intent of this Scholarship.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a resident of Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, or Westmoreland Counties.
- Applicants must show proof of enrollment at an accredited Virginia institution of higher education.
- Awards are for the pursuit of post-secondary degrees, for example associates, bachelors, or trade school certification.
- Recipients may apply for subsequent scholarships under this program.
- Preference will be given to students enrolled at one of Virginia's Land Grant Universities.

Selection Procedure:

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| 1) Registration for Horticulturally Based Coursework | 50% |
| 2) Listing of: | 10% |
| a. Community Involvement | |
| b. Activities and Awards | |
| c. Work experience | |
| 3) Written summary of goals and needs | 30% |
| 4) Recommendations | 10% |

Personal Interview: Interviews **may** be conducted with the top 3 applicants if review of the applications is not sufficient to select a recipient(s). Interview scores will be added to the above scores to determine the award(s).

Applications must be postmarked by MARCH 20, 2024. Mail original application materials to NNMG Scholarship Program, PO Box 62, Heathsville, VA 22473.

Contact Information: Michelle K, NNMG Scholarship Chair, mmkramark@yahoo.com, (804) 529-5229. *Note: An extension will be granted if documentation of course registration is not available by March 20.*

Northern Neck Master Gardeners Association
Scholarship Application

All application materials must be mailed (postmarked) by March 20, 2024 to:
NNMG Scholarship Program, PO Box 62, Heathsville, VA 22473.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number (____) _____ County of Residence _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names and Addresses (if under the age of 18):

1) Registration for Horticulturally Based Coursework or related field (50%)

Note: Please include a copy of the registration for your next session of coursework.

University, College, School, or Institution you will be attending:

School Name: _____

Rank in Fall 2024: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior (Circle one)

Major of Study: _____

Career Goal: _____

2) Extracurricular (10%)

a. Community Involvement

List community-based groups and activities in which you have been involved in the past year.

b. Other Activities/Awards

List athletics, other extracurricular activities, and recognition you have received in the past year:

c. Employment Experience

List jobs that you have held since the age of 17

3) Written Statement of Goals (30%)

In a **brief** statement, please tell the selection committee what you intend to pursue with your education and the types of courses in which you plan to enroll.

4) References (10%)

Please include a letter of reference from an individual who can best speak to your character, accomplishments, and achievements. This letter cannot be from a family member.

Signatures

I hereby submit the included information to the Northern Neck Master Gardener Association for consideration in the scholarship program. All the information included is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If my application is successful, I give permission to the NNMG Association to use information included in this application for public releases to the press to announce scholarship award and to promote the scholarship program.

Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____
(Only if applicant is under 18 years of age.)

The completed application packet should include:

- Registration Form Listing Next Term’s Courses
- Written Statement of Goals
- Letter of Reference

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