

**Penn State Certified
Master Gardener Program of Erie County**

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

I. Purpose

To provide scholarships to students preparing for a career in horticulture, food and nutrition, environmental science, landscape architecture and/or design.

II. Scholarship Awards

1. Scholarship in the amount of _____ will be awarded.
(Scholarship will be up to \$1000.00)
2. Number of awards will be based on previous year's income.
3. A student may reapply if he/she is not awarded a scholarship.

III. Eligibility

To be eligible an applicant must:

1. Must be a resident of Erie County.
2. Be a student who is enrolled in a horticulture program, environmental science, landscape architecture and/or design at an accredited institution. Correspondence courses are not eligible, unless it is an accredited online horticulture course.
3. Submit a scholarship application postmarked no later than midnight of the stated deadline of June 30, 2010.
4. Submit a transcript of grades and classes completed from the horticulture program, landscape architecture and/or design or high school transcript.
5. Submit a letter of recommendation from one of your personal references (not including a relative) in addition to the attached recommendation form.
6. Submit any other information the applicant feels pertinent (in typed format), Applicant's statement of intent, etc.
7. Complete face-to-face interview with selection committee.

IV. Basis for Selection

1. A selection committee will be made up of three Certified Master Gardeners in good standing.
2. Consideration will be given to transcript of grades.
3. Consideration will be given to applicant's statement.
4. Consideration will be given to any correspondence received from Certified Master Gardeners in good standing, professors, references, etc.
5. The committee will bring recommendations back to the Executive Board for final approval.

V. Notification of Disbursement

1. Recipients will be notified by July 30, 2010.
2. A check will be sent to the dean of appropriate school to be co-signed by school and recipient upon enrollment.

VI. Funding of Scholarship Program

The scholarship will be funded by:

- a. Funds obtained from plant sales, grants and/or gifts to the Erie County Master Gardener Program.

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____
Street
city
State
Zip

CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY RATINGS

	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent (top 10% but not top 2 or 3%)	Truly Outstanding (top 2 or 3%)
Motivation					
Creative Qualities					
Self-discipline					
Growth Potential					
Leadership					
Self-confidence					
Concern for Others					

The goal of the Certified Penn State Master Gardeners of Erie County is to identify students in the horticulture field who will be tomorrow's leading professionals. Does this applicant meet that goal? Why?

Would you recommend this candidate, and why?

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____