

Wayne County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association Scholarship

A Horticulture (Agriculture) Related Scholarship

The purpose of the Wayne County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association (WCEMGVA) Scholarship is to assist a Wayne County high school senior or full time college student who has a desire to work in the horticulture industry. This WCEMGVA Scholarship will be based on academic achievement, leadership characteristics, career plans in horticulture, future plans for enhancing the quality of life for themselves as well as their communities. The Wayne County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 or \$500.00. The number of scholarships granted will depend on funds available along with number of qualified applicants. The WCEMGVA scholarship committee and Wayne County Extension Horticulture agent will review applications and select winner(s) based on qualifications listed below.

Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a resident of Wayne County, NC.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or current full time (12+ semester hours) college student and in good standing with a 3.0 or higher GPA.
- The applicant must be planning or currently enrolled in a horticulture program at an accredited North Carolina College/University and continuing their education by pursuing a two or four year degree.
- Priority will be given to horticulture majors but other agriculture majors will be considered if there are no qualified applicants.
- Scholarship will be made through the Financial Aid Office of the college or university. The funds will be in one payment.
- Students who have previously received this scholarship are eligible to apply again.
- Scholarship winner will be required to attend the WCEMGVA May meeting for which will be held on the third Monday of May at 1pm at the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Office. Winner will be recognized and asked to tell a little about themselves during the meeting.

Please contact Jessica Strickland, Wayne County Extension Horticulture Agent, at 919-731-1520 or at Jessica.strickland@waynegov.com with any question you may have.

WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Application must be completed and returned by March 15th
Winner(s) will be notified by May 1st*

1. Full Name _____
 First **Middle** **Last**

2. Home Address _____
 City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

3. Telephone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____

4. Email _____

5. Current High School/College/University _____

6. Intended College/University _____ Accepted? () Yes () No

7. Intended Major _____ Minor _____

8. Current Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

9. List Activities, Honors and/or Work Experiences:

10. **Media Release:** If selected as a scholarship recipient, do you give permission to take and publish your photograph along with your name in local media outlets and Wayne Co. NC Cooperative Extension website and social media pages? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

11. **Include a personal statement** about yourself expressing your ambitions, educational and career goals as they related to horticulture (or agriculture) and how this scholarship will help you reach these goals. Personal statement should also indicate a need for/or why they feel they deserve this scholarship. **The personal statement should be 300 to 500 words and can be typed or handwritten.**

12. Include two recommendation letters in a sealed envelope. References should acknowledge the applicants strengths and social, civic interactions as well as including activities and academic accomplishments. Relatives or family members should not write recommendation letters. Examples of who to write recommendation letters include: teacher/professor; principal; counselor; current/past employer; pastor; community leader.

13. Include a current official transcript.

14. Mail or drop off completed application packet to address below.

Application packet should include: application, personal statement, two recommendation letters (in sealed envelopes) and official transcript.

Application must be post marked or dropped off by March 15th to:

**North Carolina Cooperative Extension – Wayne County Center
Master Gardener Volunteer Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 68, 3114B Wayne Memorial Drive
Goldsboro, NC 27534**