



2025 Denton County Master Gardener Association (DCMGA) Scholarship Application – Undergraduate or Graduate Student

dcmga.scholarship@gmail.com

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Prefer contact by (select): email _____ text message _____ mail _____

College or University: Name/location _____

Are you majoring in horticulture/related field? (Yes/No) Expected date of college graduation _____

If you don't live in Denton County, do you work or serve here? (Yes/No) If so, please describe:

Are you a U S Citizen? (Yes/No)

Are you a recipient of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA/DREAMer)? (Yes/No)

1) The applicant must complete and return this application with the following two items to dcmga.scholarship@gmail.com on or before 3/24/2025 at 11:59 pm:

(a) Your most recent **official college transcript**

(b) An **essay of at least 400 words** highlighting your interest in horticulture, your academic highlights, your career goals and related employment or volunteer activities.

2) TWO RECOMMENDATION LETTERS must be sent by faculty/instructors (at least one from the field of horticulture). Note: recommendation letters MUST be emailed directly from faculty/instructors to dcmga.scholarship@gmail.com on or before **3/24/2025, 11:59 pm.**

I have read the attached scholarship guidelines. I certify that all information on this form is true and factual. I agree that the DCMGA may use this information and other information provided by me in connection with this program for purposes of news and publicity in all media, including but not limited to print and electronic media, social media, internet websites, and video presentations.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Scholarship Guidelines

DCMGA will periodically solicit applications for a non-renewable scholarship of up to \$5,000 per academic year. The applicant must:

- be a U.S. citizen or a recipient of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA/DREAMer).
- have graduated or will graduate from a high school in Denton County, Texas **OR**
- be currently attending a college or university with a major in horticulture or a related field.
- live, work, **OR** serve in Denton County, Texas.

One scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student, undergraduate student or graduate student. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the recipient's college or university (financial aid/bursar office) to cover tuition, fees required for study, and books or study materials supplied by the college or university and required for study. The applicant must be making steady progress in high school or a program that leads to a bachelor's degree or advanced degree from an accredited college or university.

DCMGA seeks to identify and reward highly motivated students who show strong commitment and dedication to reaching their goals. Grades are only one of many criteria to be considered, and all qualified students are encouraged to apply. Decisions of DCMGA are final.

If in DCMGA's judgement there is no qualified applicant, DCMGA need not award a scholarship for that period. Decisions of DCMGA to award a scholarship or to decline to make an award are final. Scholarship awards may be applied to qualified expenses incurred during more than one semester or other period of study, but must be used before the end of the calendar year following the year the award is granted. Any claim to award funds unused at that time will be relinquished by the awardee.

Scholarship applicants agree to allow DCMGA to publicize the award and use the applicant's name, educational history, course of study, schools attended, and applicant's image and likeness in all forms of media, including but not limited to print and electronic media, social media, internet websites, and video presentations.

It is not permissible to award a scholarship that results in any financial reward or benefit, either directly or indirectly, to any DCMGA officer or board member. Descendants, spouses and descendants of spouses, and siblings and descendants of siblings of DCMGA officers and board members are ineligible to apply for or to receive an award of a scholarship.

Email this application and the required documents to dcmga.scholarship@gmail.com. The required email submission date is shown on the application.