

ANN ARBOR Farm & Garden SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017-18

Our Purpose: Scholarships funded under this program must meet our mission. Ann Arbor Farm & Garden (AAF&G) is a social and philanthropic organization of women interested in agriculture and horticulture whose purpose is to (1) encourage an interest in and a knowledge of horticulture and its allied pursuits among women on the local, state, national and international levels; (2) to preserve and beautify the environment by granting scholarships and fellowships to increase interest toward this end through education; (3) to engender informed awareness of and participation in community projects; (4) to distribute charitable gifts; and (5) to provide opportunities for learning about horticultural and environmental activities and issues.

Eligibility/ Funding Amounts: You must be a student in a legitimate program at an accredited educational institution. Funding amounts depend on the success of the annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk™ and may range from \$500 to \$1500.

Funding Priorities: The primary purpose of this funding opportunity is to further the mission of Ann Arbor Farm & Garden.

Application Submission, Timelines and Deadlines: All scholarship applications must be submitted in digital form in one single document to AAFG.Foundation@gmail.com. Photographs, newspaper clippings or anything else **MUST NOT** be sent as separate attachments to the application! Video must be 25MB or less and also submitted by e-mail or as an e-mail link to a website such as YouTube.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2017 **Award Notification:** February 2018

Questions: Contact AAFG.Foundation@gmail.com.

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Please answer all questions in order. You may copy and paste questions to another sheet or add additional space and pages and pictures at the end. Submit as a single PDF or word document. Additional attachments will not be considered.

Date of Submission: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ **City/Zip** _____

Signature _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Name of Educational Institution: _____

Degree/Program being pursued: _____

Amount requested: _____

Check payable to (institution name): _____

Please provide contact information for your institution's Financial Aid Office:

Contact Name (if known) _____

Mailing address _____

Phone number _____

Please answer the following:

- 1) Outline your educational plan, providing clearly defined objectives
- 2) Explain how and when the scholarship monies would be used.
- 3) Provide a personal statement describing your interests and abilities, and what led you to your preferred field of study.
- 4) Provide two letters of recommendation from people who know you (not relatives).
- 5) Explain what support resources you will use to meet your objectives.

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ANN ARBOR Farm & Garden SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017-18 EVALUATION WORKSHEET

Ann Arbor Farm & Garden's Foundation Committee will review applications with the following categories and questions in mind.

Part 1: Who can apply?

- The applicant must be enrolled in a legitimate course of study having to do with horticultural, agricultural, or environmental fields, or horticultural therapy at an accredited educational institution.

Part 2: What is required in the application?

- Outline your educational plan, providing clearly defined objectives.
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Part 3: Budget

- Description of amount requested and spending timeline.
- Scholarship monies must be used to support education in horticultural, agricultural, or environmental fields, or horticultural therapy education.
- Payment information, including institution name and contact information. If a scholarship is awarded, AAF&G will pay the institution directly.

Part 4: Evaluation

- Description of plan for follow-up reporting to AAF&G, either in a written report or in a presentation at one of our meetings. Accompanying photographs are welcome.
- Report should include description of what was learned, how the scholarship advanced the student's education, future plans.

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