

The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia 2017 Academic Scholarship (Continuing Education - Sophomore)

The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia Academic Scholarship (Continuing Education - Sophomore) recognizes a rising college sophomore who has maintained an outstanding scholastic record during his/her freshman year, while participating in school and community activities. The award for 2017 is \$1000.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. An applicant must be a legal resident of the state of Georgia from one of the following counties: Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, or Twiggs.
2. An applicant must be a rising sophomore currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (university, college, technical college, etc.) **located within the United States**. An applicant must also be enrolled as a full-time sophomore at that institution during the 2017-2018 Academic Year.
3. Although not a requirement, preference will be given to an applicant whose freshman year transcript shows a course of study that is consistent with a proposed major in a field of interest to Master Gardeners: agriculture, biology, botany, ecology, environmental science, horticulture, landscape architecture or design, or related fields.
4. An applicant who possesses a military academy appointment, ROTC scholarship, or any other full four-year scholarship that includes both room and board is ineligible for this scholarship.

PROCEDURE:

A selection panel composed of members of the Master Gardeners of Central Georgia determines the award recipient based on **scholastic achievement** [grade point average (GPA) based on 4.0 scale and academic honors], **involvement in school activities** (student government, tutoring, mentoring, clubs, etc), and **involvement in the community** (volunteer activities, service organizations, church, etc). Applicants must also complete a short personal statement outlining their educational goals. The scholarship recipient will be announced no later than May 31, 2017.

An applicant must provide **all** of the following:

1. Completed Part A of the application, signed in the appropriate places.
2. Copy of a valid photo ID confirming legal residence within the state of Georgia and in one of the counties specified under "Eligibility (1)" above.

3. An official transcript (with raised seal and in a sealed envelope with school official's signature across the flap) from the school currently attending.
4. A typed listing of the following accomplishments and activities engaged in while pursuing higher education, divided and titled by category:
 - a. Scholastic achievement (GPA based on 4.0 scale and any academic honors or distinction, including academic honor societies);
 - b. Involvement in school (student government, tutoring, mentoring, clubs, etc);
 - c. Involvement in community (volunteer activities, service organizations, etc).
5. Completed Part B of the application (references).
6. Typed personal statement of no more than 500 words outlining the applicant's continuing educational goals.

The entire application must be mailed, **postmarked no later than May 1, 2017**, to the following address:

**UGA Extension—Bibb County
MGCG Scholarship Committee (Continuing Education--Sophomore)
145 First Street, Upper Level
Macon, GA 31201**

Note: The scholarship recipient will be announced no later than May 31, 2017. The award **must** be used within the **2017 – 2018 academic year** for educational expenses billed by the institution (tuition, fees, on-campus room and board, etc). **The award money is mailed directly to the recipient's school upon written verification of the recipient's full-time status.** It is the award recipient's responsibility to ensure that the scholarship committee receives this verification **postmarked no later than October 1, 2017** before any money is paid. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the award.

Please email any questions to scholarships@mgcg.org. Place "CE-S Scholarship" in the subject line.

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PART A:

Please print or type all information.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School attending: _____ Degree pursuing: _____

Major(s): _____ Expected graduation date: _____

It is understood that this scholarship is based on **scholastic achievement, involvement in school and involvement in the community**, as well as the additional criteria listed under "Eligibility." During the academic year 2017-2018, the applicant must be a full-time sophomore at an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (university, college, or technical college) located in the United States. All information contained in this application and all supporting documents are truthful and accurate. Any willful misrepresentation or falsification of facts will make the applicant ineligible to receive any Master Gardeners of Central Georgia scholarship in this or any subsequent year.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature
(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

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PART B:

Please provide the names and information requested below of three references (other than family and friends) who are familiar with the applicant's **character, work ethic, scholastic achievement, involvement in school activities, and/or involvement in the community**. Please print or type.

Reference 1:

Name and Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference 2:

Name and Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference 3:

Name and Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____