

The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia 2017 High School Academic Scholarships

The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia High School Academic Scholarship recognizes as many as two graduating high school seniors who possess outstanding academic records and meet the additional criteria listed below. The 2017 scholarships are one-time awards of \$1000 to each recipient.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. An applicant must be a legal resident of one of the following counties in the state of Georgia: Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, or Twiggs.
2. An applicant must be a candidate for graduation from high school in the 2016-2017 academic year and must have a grade point average (GPA) at or above 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The applicant must have applied to, or been accepted at an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (university, college, technical college, etc.) **located within the United States** for the 2017-2018 academic year. The applicant must also be enrolled as a full-time student at that institution by Fall 2017.
3. Although not a requirement, preference will be given to an applicant who has participated in 4-H, Future Farmers of America, or related organized activities, during high school and who is planning to major in a field of interest to Master Gardeners such as agriculture, biology, botany, ecology, environmental science, horticulture, landscape architecture or design, or a related field.
4. Applicants who have received a military academy appointment, ROTC scholarship, or any other full four-year scholarship that includes room and board are ineligible for these scholarships.

PROCEDURE:

A selection panel composed of members of the Master Gardeners of Central Georgia determines the award recipients based on scholastic achievement (GPA; SAT scores; Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Honors courses completed; and scholastic competitions, activities, and awards won), as well as the additional criteria listed under "Eligibility" above. Applicants must also complete a short personal statement outlining their educational goals. The scholarship recipients will be announced no later than May 31, 2017.

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

1. Completed Part A of the application, signed in the appropriate places.
2. Copy of a current valid photo ID confirming legal residence within the state of Georgia and in one of the counties specified above ("Eligibility #1").
3. Typed listing of the following, divided by category:
 - a. Advanced Courses: List all Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and

Honors courses completed from 9th grade to the present. If currently enrolled in such courses, list those as well.

- b. Scholastic Competitions, Activities & Awards: List all scholastic competitions (science and engineering fairs, math competitions, social studies fairs, Future Farmers of America competitions, 4-H events, etc.) entered in high school and awards received. Indicate the year(s) in which the applicant participated.
 - c. National Honor Society: Indicate membership in National Honor Society (if applicable) and the number of years of membership.
4. Sealed and signed envelope containing Part B of the application, completed by the school counselor or registrar, and an official transcript of all courses taken through the applicant's first semester of the senior year.
 5. Completed Part C of the application (references).
 6. A typed personal statement of no more than 500 words outlining the applicant's 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 (High School)
145 First Street, Upper Level
Macon, GA 31201**

Note: Scholarship recipients 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 will be 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 "HS Scholarship" in the subject line.

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PART A

To be completed by the **applicant**. Please print or type.

1. Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School attending: _____ Date of graduation: _____

2. Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

It is understood that this scholarship is based primarily on high school **scholastic achievement** (GPA and SAT scores; Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Honors courses completed; and scholastic competitions, activities and awards won) and the additional criteria listed under "Eligibility." During the academic year 2017-2018, the applicant must be a full-time student at an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (university, college, or technical college) located within 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

Date

Both signatures are required

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PART B

To be completed by the **high school counselor or registrar**. Please print or type.

Name of Student: _____

Cumulative GPA (on 4.0 scale) through first semester of 2016-2017: _____

SAT Results: If taken multiple times, please indicate the highest score in each of the categories.

Critical Reading _____

Math _____

Writing _____

Cumulative _____

Is the student a candidate for graduation during the 2016-2017 academic year? _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Note: Please place the most recent official transcript of grades through first semester of the applicant's senior year and this completed form in an envelope. Seal the envelope, sign your name across the seal, and return the sealed envelope to the applicant. Thank you.

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PART C

To be completed by the **applicant**. Please print or type.

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

Reference 1:

Name and Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference 2:

Name and Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference 3:

Name and Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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