

**The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia
2023 Academic Scholarship
(Continuing Education – College Junior/Senior)**

The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia Academic Scholarship (Continuing Education – College Junior/Senior) recognizes a rising college junior or senior who has maintained an outstanding scholastic record while pursuing higher education, and has consistently participated in school and community activities. The 2023 scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000.

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 full-time student 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 junior or senior during the 2023-2024 Academic Year.
3. An applicant must have a **declared 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 any full scholarship that includes tuition, fees, room and board, etc. 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 and career goals. The scholarship recipient will be announced no later than May 12, 2023.

An 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 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; 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. A one-page letter of recommendation from a current or recent professor or instructor that discusses the quality of your work, your level of maturity and interpersonal skills, and your potential for success in your declared field of study/major(s). The letter must be signed and include the printed name, position, and current contact information of the writer. The writer must place the letter in an envelope, seal it, and sign again across the seal before returning it to the applicant for inclusion in the application packet.
6. A typed personal statement of no more than 500 words outlining your continuing educational and career goals.

The entire application (Items 1-6 above) must be mailed in a single envelope, **and received no later than April 14, 2023**, to the following address:

**UGA Cooperative Extension, Houston County
MGCG Scholarship Committee (Continuing Education—College Junior/Senior)
2030 Kings Chapel Road
Perry, GA**

Note: The scholarship recipient will be announced no later than **May 12, 2023**. The award **must** be used within the **2023-2024 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, 2023** 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-CJ/S Scholarship" in the subject line.

**THE MASTER GARDENERS OF CENTRAL GEORGIA
2023 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUING EDUCATION – COLLEGE JR/SR)**

PART A:

Please print or type all information.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Best Contact Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

County of Residence: _____

Post-Secondary Institution Attending: _____

Declared Major(s): _____

Degree Pursuing: _____ Expected Graduation Year: _____

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 2023-2024, the applicant must be a full-time junior or senior at an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (university, college, 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
(Only if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date