

NC STATE EXTENSION

Master Gardener | Cleveland County
Volunteer Association

Extension Master GardenerSM Association of Cleveland County Scholarship Application for High School Seniors in the Cleveland County School District

The Extension Master Gardener Association of Cleveland County is committed to sustainable gardening, soil health, environmental soundness, and community involvement. We support education and outreach to local growers of food, flowers, shrubs, and trees. In offering this scholarship, we hope to further the education of young people who share our values.

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a high school senior in the Cleveland County School District who is preparing to enter post-secondary education in the fall of 2026.

To qualify, the student must:

- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- Plan to major in horticulture, agriculture, plant science, botany, forestry, landscape architecture/design, or another branch of the agricultural sciences.
- Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher who has taught this student within the last two years.
- Include a letter of recommendation from a non-related personal reference.
- Include a transcript listing courses taken and grades received, for seven semesters.
- Be accepted into an accredited two- or four-year college or university and be enrolled for the fall of 2026.

This application must be mailed and postmarked on or before March 1, 2026.

Mail the signed application along with the transcript and the letters of recommendation to:

Cleveland County Cooperative Extension Office
Attn. MG Scholarship
130 S. Post Rd. Suite 1
Shelby, N.C. 28152

Questions can be addressed to emgacc1@gmail.com

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Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ Email _____

High School _____

Name of your school counselor _____

Work telephone _____ Cell telephone _____

Email _____

Name of the college/university you will attend. _____

Address of the bursar of the college/university you will attend.

Your GPA as of the last seven semesters _____ (transcript required)

Names of a teacher who has taught you within the last two years and of the non-related personal reference who has written your letters of recommendation.

REFERENCES (2)

1. Teacher reference _____ Work telephone _____

Cell telephone _____ Email _____

Name of the class/classes this teacher has taught you _____

2. Personal reference _____ Relationship _____

Cell number _____ Email _____

Describe all **school** gardening- or agriculture-related clubs or organizations to which you belong including activities or events in which you have participated.

Describe all **non-school** related gardening- or agriculture-related clubs or other organizations to which you belong including activities or events in which you have participated.

Describe all gardening- or agriculture-related awards you have received.

Describe all gardening- or agriculture-related classes you have taken or are now taking in school.

List community service activities and roles:

Describe leadership positions held:

Signature

Date



PERSONAL RESPONSES

On separate paper, answer these three questions. Please type your answers.

1. What degree will you pursue, and why have you chosen this field of study? What sort of work would you like to do in the future?
2. Describe any work experience you have had with gardening, landscaping, or agriculture, etc. You should also include either paid work or unpaid volunteer work in any other area. Also describe any relevant training, workshops, or classes outside of school.
3. What do you perceive to be a major challenge to American agriculture or gardening today, and how does this challenge affect the future of your community?

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