**MUSCATINE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SCHOLARSHIP**

2019 Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Application

Application deadline: Postmarked or electronically filed by Monday April 1, 2019

**Before applying, please make sure you meet eligibility guidelines**

Only Muscatine County students who will graduate from a High School in 2019 who will attend an Iowa college, university, or community college are eligible to apply. This is a $500 scholarship.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Master Gardeners are individuals who have taken the Master Gardener training and share their time and expertise as volunteers to provide current, research-based, home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Iowa through programs and projects.

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**Applicant Information**

Name (first, middle initial, last): ________________________________
Current Mailing Address: ______________________________________

Street Address: ___________________________ City/State: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Mobile Number: ___________________________
E-mail: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ___________________________
                                          Month/Day/Year

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**Academic Information**

Will you be a High School graduate in 2019? Yes ____ No ____
Are you a Muscatine County resident? Yes ____ No ____
Have you participated in 4-H or FFA? Yes ____ No ____

Iowa university, college or other post-secondary institution that you will be attending in the fall of 2019: _______________________________________________________

Expected Major/Area of Study: _______________________________________________________

High School Honors and/or Community Involvement (feel free to add any additional sheets): _______________________________________________________

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Father’s/Guardian’s Name: ____________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Mother’s/Guardian’s Name: ____________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________ Email ___________________________

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To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information that I have provided is true.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Supporting Documents

An application is considered “complete” only if it is accompanied by the following documents:

1) **Letters of Recommendation**
   Each applicant must submit two letters of recommendation that include the following information:
   - Recommender’s relationship to applicant
   - Length of time acquainted with applicant
   - Applicant’s strengths and weaknesses
   - Applicant’s experience in school and community activities

2) **Personal Narrative**
   In a written statement of at least 200 words, please describe:
   - Explain any unusual family or financial circumstances.
   - How do you plan to finance your college education?
   - What are your future goals and how will a college education help you attain them?
   - Describe your high school and community activities. Include leadership, citizenship, and communication experiences.
   - How do you plan to stay involved in school and community activities when you attend college?
   - Provide any other personal information you believe the selection committee should know when considering your application.

3) **Official High School Transcripts** *(must have a minimum GPA of 2.5)*

**Evaluation Criteria**

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**General Information**

All scholarship applicants must adhere to the following requirements:

- All applicants must be graduating from High School in 2019 and be Muscatine County residents.
- If you are awarded a scholarship, you must show proof of full time enrollment in a degree granting college or university, community college, community college trades program, or certificate granting vocational school (you must provide a copy of your schedule of courses for Fall 2019).
- Scholarship monies will be disbursed directly to the academic institution. Applicants must provide this information to the Muscatine County Extension Office within their first year of college.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by the Muscatine County Master Gardener scholarship committee.
- Application and supporting documents must be received by **April 1, 2019** to:

  **Krista Regennitter**  
  **Muscantte Master Gardener Coordinator**  
  **1514 Isett Avenue**  
  **Muscantte, IA 52761**  
  **Phone: (563) 263-5701**