

## GUIDELINES

### 2023 Memphis Area Master Gardeners Mary Wade Scholarship

Memphis Area Master Gardeners is offering four \$2000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college students, including previous Mary Wade Scholarship recipients, pursuing a career in agricultural or environmental sciences, horticultural or landscape architecture, and related fields. Requirements to qualify for the MAMG scholarship are as follows:

- The applicant must be a resident of Shelby County, Tennessee, graduating from high school in Shelby County. College students, including past recipients, are also eligible.
- High school applicants must provide an acceptance letter from their intended university, college, or community college.
- College applicants must provide transcripts as proof of current enrollment in a field applicable to the scholarship.
- High school applicants must provide a high school transcript with GPA, class rank, and SAT and/or ACT test scores. College applicants must provide current transcripts showing enrollment in relevant coursework.
- Children of donors to Memphis Area Master Gardeners are not eligible to apply nor are family members of Memphis Area Master Gardeners.
- Memphis Area Master Gardeners offer its program to all eligible persons, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or veteran status.
- Applicants must present two letters of recommendation. Letters may be from a guidance counselor, agricultural or horticultural teacher/advisor, or an employer. A 300-500-word essay is required, including the following information:
  - Your education and academic achievements
  - Why you are applying for this scholarship
  - Groups or organizations in which you are, or have been an active member
  - What role you have played as a leader in your schools or community
  - Your volunteer services
  - Your plans for your future education and/or career choice
- Applicants will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.
- High school recipients will provide a minimum of 10 hours of community service for Shelby County Extension (TN Extension is an educational collaboration between the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University). This service must be completed within twelve months of notification of the scholarship acceptance and is most easily done between high school graduation and the beginning of the college freshman year.
- An enrolled college recipient must provide a minimum of ten hours of volunteer work in the appropriate field of study.
- The MAMG Mary Wade Scholarship Committee will receive and review applications. The **deadline for applications is Friday, March 10, 2023.**
- Applicant interviews will be scheduled for the week of April 10, 2023, at the Memphis Area Master Gardener Office.
- The scholarship recipients will attend one evening Master Gardener meeting to receive the award.
- Scholarship monies will go directly to the student's school of choice upon enrollment. The student must provide contact information for the school's financial aid office including the student's ID for the school.