

GUIDELINES: 2026 Memphis Area Master Gardeners Mary Wade Scholarship

Memphis Area Master Gardeners is offering three \$2000 scholarships to graduating high school or current college students, including previous Mary Wade Scholarship recipients, **pursuing a career in agriculture or environmental sciences, horticulture, landscape architecture, entomology or related fields.** Requirements to qualify for the MAMG Scholarship are as follows:

*The applicant must be a resident of Shelby County TN, graduating from a high school in Shelby County. College Students including past recipients are also eligible with primary address in Shelby County

***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 their high school transcript with GPA, class rank, SAT and/or ACT test scores.

*Children of donors to Memphis Area Master Gardeners are not eligible nor are family members of MAMG eligible to apply.

*MAMG 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/or advisor or an employer.

*The applicant must write a 300--500 word essay, 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 active member in regard your interest in this scholarship

What roles have you played in your school or community

Describe your volunteer activities

Your plans/goals for your future education and career choice

*Applicants will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

***High school recipients** will be required to provide a minimum of ten hours of community service for Shelby County Extension (TN SC Extension is an educational collaboration between the University of TN and TN State University of which MAMG is apart). This service must be completed within twelve months of notification of the scholarship acceptance. This is easily accomplished 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 absolute deadline for applications is Friday, 4 p.m. March 27, 2026.**

*The recipient interview will be scheduled for the week of April 13, 2026.

*Scholarship monies will go directly to the recipient's school of choice financial aid office upon enrollment. The recipient is required to provide this information.