

**Marie Madison Horticulture Scholarship of the Benton County Master Gardener Association
Application Instructions**

About this Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and enhance the academic study of horticulture, botany, and plant science. It is a non-renewable \$1,000 scholarship. More than one scholarship may be awarded, depending upon available funds.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open to any college student who:

- is a matriculated, registered student at Linn-Benton Community College or Oregon State University,
- has declared a major in botany, horticulture, and/or plant science,
- has successfully completed at least 24 college credits, and
- has demonstrated interest and involvement in activities that promote sustainable gardening through community service and/or public education.

**BCMGA Board members, Scholarship Committee members, and their family members are not eligible to apply.*

Application Elements

1. Application Form:

Applicants must complete and submit the application form. Find the form on page 2 of this document.

2. Written Statement:

The applicant shall provide a written statement describing the applicant's involvement in an academic project or community activity demonstrating the applicant's interest in the fields of horticulture, botany, and/or plant science.

The written statement should be no more than one (1) page in length and no more than 500 words. The statement must be presented on 8½ x 11 inch paper using a 10- or 12-point font size and one-inch margins. The applicants should use "Written Statement" as the title. The applicant's name should appear in the top, right-hand corner.

The applicant also has the option to submit one (1) page of captioned photographs of the project or activity being described. No people should appear in the photographs. Photographs are optional and will not be returned.

3. Recommendation reference:

One contact for recommendation reference is required, preferably from an instructor of a horticulture or plant science course the applicant has attended or from a supervisor if the work is in the field of plant science or horticulture. The recommendation reference contact information must be included in the application submitted on deadline. Family members are not eligible as references.

4. College Transcript:

The applicant shall provide a copy of college transcripts, including winter term grades, and must sign the following declaration: *I certify that all of the information furnished on this form and submitted to the committee is true and complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that such information is confidential and subject to verification by the Marie Madison Scholarship Committee.*

Extended Deadline:

All application materials described above must be mailed to The Marie Madison Scholarship Committee at the address listed below and postmarked by **April 15, 2021**.

Submitting the Application:

Application materials may be sent by mail or electronically.

Submission Address: Marie Madison Scholarship Committee, BCMGA
OSU Extension Office--Benton County
5060 SW Philomath Blvd #197
Corvallis, OR 97333

Determination:

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on the *application, written statement, community involvement, transcripts, recommendation reference, and future plans*. Eligibility is not based on need.

Determination of this scholarship shall be made without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, or disability. No family members of Scholarship Committee members or the Benton County Master Gardener™ Association Board of Directors (voting or non-voting) shall be eligible for consideration of this scholarship.

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Personal Information

Name _____ Today's Date: _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____ Phone (____) _____
 Email _____

Educational Information

Degree Sought: _____
 Name of College: _____

Summary of relevant courses taken. Or you may submit an unofficial transcript.

Classes	Term

(Use an additional page as needed.)

School, Community, and Volunteer Activities (relevant to horticulture and/or botany)

Activity	Position Held	Weeks per Year	Year

(Use an additional page as needed.)

Honors and Awards (relevant to horticulture and/or botany)

Award	Awarding Organization	Year

(Use an additional page as needed.)

How did you hear about the Marie Madison Horticulture Scholarship?

Reference Contact Information

One Recommendation Reference is required to complete the application. Please list a name, address, and phone number of each. *It is advisable to inform your reference that you are applying to this scholarship.*

Reference 1: _____

Disbursement of Scholarship Funds

The scholarship award will be disbursed directly to the student.

Note: Accepting the scholarship allows BCMGA to use the recipient's name, his/her college, and major in press releases.

Certification

I certify that all of the information furnished on this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that such information is confidential and subject to verification by the Marie Madison Scholarship Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____